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PERSONAL MENTION.

—James Harkrader went to Forsyth today.

—Mrs. W. H. Ennis went to Chicago last night.

—Miss Jennie Wamsley is visiting friends at Taylorville.

—Thomas Bivans went to Pierson this morning on business.

—F. W. Wismer was at Monticello and Bement yesterday on business for Jacob Keck.

—Mrs. D. R. Alexander is confined to her home on West Prairie avenue by illness.

—Mrs. J. D. Moore has returned home from Clinton where she has been visiting relatives.

—Miss Irene Shellabarger is visiting friends at Mattoon. She will return home Saturday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Starr have returned from Edwardsville where they have been visiting friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Hostetler were in the city today visiting Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Hostetler.

—E. R. Tuttle, traveling passenger agent for the Union Pacific, was in the city today today on business.

—Mrs. Edward Bramble and son, Byron, left this morning for Streator where they will visit Mrs. Risley.

—Dr. Tinnon of Lincoln, is in the city to assist at revival meetings at the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

—H. C. Mowry of Forsyth, who read a paper at the grain dealers' meeting today, gave the Republican a call.

—Mrs. W. F. Gillmore went to Jacksonville this morning to see her daughter, Grace, who is sick at the Female college.

—Linn Radcliff left this afternoon for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will stay for several weeks for the benefit of his health.

—Born—To Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Strader, March 10, 1897, at 413 Central avenue, a son. He is a McKinley all over.

The members of the pension board held a meeting today at the office of Dr. N. D. Myers and examined a number of applicants.

—Mrs. May Seigler was a member of the staff that aided in the institution of Violet Camp, R.N. of A., at Blue Mound, on Monday evening.

—Mrs. Peter Vredenburgh, Jr., who has been the guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Hoskins, has returned to her home in Springfield.

—William Fulton arrived at Reading, Pa., today. He will return to the city with the remains of his sister, Belle. The interment will be in Greenwood.

—Theodore P. Baxter of Taylorville, in the city attending the grain dealers' meeting, is a candidate for alderman in one of the wards at his home. He would make a better mayor.

—B. Stine, who lately returned from Grand Rapids, Mich., is in greatly improved health. He is a good deal stronger and can stand considerable exercise which he takes every day.

Cyclones.

Rev. Irl Hicks predicted the great St. Louis cyclone and says now that disastrous storm may be expected during March, April and May. Property owners should heed this warning and take out cyclone insurace. The cost is so little that you cannot afford to do without it. Kuny, Johns & Strohm, 124 North Water street, will write you a policy while you wait in the best American companies. Don't delay.—8-d1w

Preparing for the Decatur Game.

Bloomington Pantagraph: The Wesleyan basket ball girls are practicing hard for their return game to be played at Decatur soon, the date to having been definitely fixed yet. The Decatur girls will strain every nerve to wipe out the defeat they received here, an when the game comes off it will be a hot one.

Come Here to Live.

Decatur is our home and at 630 Wabash avenue, we are ready to clean carpets any hour of the day. This is our only business and we give it our personal attention; doing the best of work at reasonable prices. Hayes & Anthony, both phones, No. 657.—6-d1w

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s.—jan 29-d&wtf

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RIVERA'S ORDERS.

Will Shoot Any Who Come to Him with Offers of Peace on the Spanish Basis.

A QUEEN EXILED BY THE FRENCH.

California Trust Company Assigns—180 Persons Killed by a Falling Wall—Comptroller Calls on National Banks.

Havana, March 11.—The Associated Press correspondent succeeded in reaching the camp of General Ruiz Rivera, Maceo's successor in command in Pinar del Rio. While there two Havana gentlemen arrived bearing propositions for peace from the Spanish government on the basis of reforms to be granted. Rivera declined to receive them other than as private individuals and showed them an order from Gomez to shoot all who proposed peace on any terms except independence. He sent them away after three days with a written statement that any later emissaries proposing any peace except with independence, who came to his camp would be shot.

Trust Company Assigns.

San Diego, Cal., March 11.—The California Mortgage Loan and Trust company has assigned. Assets, $28,000; liabilities, $200.

A Queen Exiled.

Tamatave, Madagascar, March 11.—Ramolana III, queen of Madagascar, who has been merely the nominal ruler since the island was made a French dependency last June, has been exiled to the island of Reunion, also a French possession.

Wall Collapses Killing 180.

Tangier, Morocco, March 11.—By the collapse of a part of an old wall in the town of Fez, 180 workmen were killed.

Call on Banks for a Statement.

Washington, March 11.—The comptroller of the currency has called on the national banks for a statement of their condition March 9.

HEATH TO BE FIRST ASSISTANT.

Chief of the Literary Bureau Will Be Appointed Right Hand Man to Mr. Gary.

Washington, March 11.—Perry Heath, who was chief of the literary bureau at the Chicago Republican headquarters last summer, will be appointed first assistant postmaster general, to succeed Frank H. Jones of Illinois.

Mr. Heath, after having been heralded all over the land as the choice of President McKinley for private secretary, was slated in the general expectation of things likely to happen as consul general to Paris. This, however, by some mysterious slipping of the political cogs, proved erroneous.

The post of first assistant postmaster general was formally tendered to Mr. Heath yesterday afternoon and he accepted without hesitation or delay. The position always has been considered equal to a cabinet appointment, because the first assistant has many duties to perform, and he takes much of the work off the postmaster general's shoulders. The place always has been filled by a prominent party man, such as James S. Clarkson, H. Clay Evans and Adlai E. Stevenson.

HUNTER'S FRIENDS CONFIDENT.

Claims He Will Receive Seventy-Five Votes on Joint Ballot.

Louisville, Ky., March 11.—At the headquarters of Dr. W. Godfrey Hunter, at the Victoria hotel, the following statement was authorized by E. T. Franks:

"We have made a complete canvass of the legislature. Without counting the members that are doubtful, Dr. Hunter will receive fifty-one votes in the caucus and seventy-five votes on the joint ballot. In this estimate five gold Democrats are counted in and we are sure of their support."

Seventy votes are sufficient to elect, and if Hunter has seventy-five pleged votes there is no doubt of his election. Senator Jones, who is chairman of the Republican caucus, arrived in Louisville this afternoon and had a long conference with Dr. Hunter, and as a result will issue an official call tomorrow for the caucus. If the Hunter claims are correct there is no doubt of his election. The Bradley people, however, claim that he has not the majority of votes pledged. Senator Blackburn will reach Frankfort Friday.

Big Steel Plans to Start July 1.

Elwood, Ind., March 11.—The big steel plant of the American Tin Plate company that is now being erected is destined to cut a figure in the steel markets and will be one of the most important factors in determining the price of steel billets. It will also furnish all the steel that is required in the manufacture of tin plate in the factory here and at Montpelier. It will have a capacity of 400 tons of steel a day and will furnish a large quantity to the trade in addition. The plant will be equipped with the finest machinery of any plant in the weest, and will be ready for operation July 1, with 300 hands.

HOBART'S PRECOCIOUS SON.

Only Twelve Years Old, but He is Now an Office Holder.

Washington, March 11.—Garret A. Hobart, Jr., is only 12 years of age, but he has a preternaturally acute perception of the aphorism that to the victors belong the spoils. Fired in his youthful imagination by this great patriotic truth, the vice president's young hopeful has become an officeholder. This happened on the very day his papa and Mr. McKinley were inaugurated. Entirely of his own initiative he made application to the president of the United States for the position of custodian of the electric bells in the White House.

Garret A. Hobart "Junior," as he is called by everybody in the neighborhood of his Paterson home, is not a robust lad, and for that reason was never sent to school. But he takes a robust interest in affairs outside his tutor and his toys, and would sooner contrive something odd and useful with his slender fingers than read the most fascinating of romances about Indians or pirates. Many months ago he began to delve into the mysteries of applied electricity. Ned Van Piper, his most intimate chum in Paterson, joined him in his researches, and the youngsters made astonishing progress in their studies. So successful were they that the entire household of Hobart was thrown into paroxysms of surprise, not unmixed at times with dismay for "Junior" wired the house over in the equipment of various devices of his own invention, until the most simple operations resulted in the most unexpected developments.

To this day there are electric fixtures in the Hobart mansion whereby, among other things, the cook can light the kitchen fire by pressing a button at the head of her bed, the master of the house may signal the number of guests he is bringing home to dinner the moment he reaches the front gate or the incautious burglar may unchain the bulldog by fumbling with the window fastenings.

When Garret A. Hobart the elder went to Washington to be inaugurated he took Garret A. Hobart the younger with him. "Junior" was immediately impressed with everything he saw on that memorable occasion, with nothing so much as the brigades of hungry-looking people, who, his father told him, were office seekers. The boy lapsed into deep thought for a few minutes, and then said, wistfully:

"Papa, I wonder if Mr. McKinley would give me the job of taking care of the bells in the White House?"

The vice president was talking to Senator Elkins at the time and his son's artless query passed unheeded. Vast, then, was his surprise and mystification the following day when the president clapped him on the back and exclaimed:

"Hobart, that boy of yours is a treasure. I've just had the pleasure of appointing him electrician of the White House on his own application."

MRS. RUIZ ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

Expresses Her Thankfulness to Gen. Lee and the American People—Is Much Wrought Up.

New York, March 11.—Among the passengers arriving here on board the steamer Seneca from Havana Tuesday was Mrs. Rita Lescade de Ruiz, widow of Dr. Ruiz, who died in prison in Cuba. She was accompanied by her five children, ranging in age from 3 to 13 years. Mrs. Ruiz speaks no English.

Mrs. Ruiz was dressed in deep mourning, as were the two oldest girls, Mercedes, 13 years old, and Evangeline, aged 11. Mrs. Ruiz said that she had nothing to add to what she had already said in relation to the murder of her husband, or his treatment as an American citizen by the Spanish government. "He was foully murdered," she said, "and I will take such action as I may be advised by my friends. I want to thank the American people for the expressions of sympathy I have received, and I cannot say too much of my heartfelt thanks at the kindness of Consul General Lee. For the present I will be in this city with friends."

Mrs. Ruiz's appearance and manner indicate that she is in a high state of nervousness, and in need of much care before regaining her usual strength and health. It is likely that her case will be placed before the administration at Washington as soon as possible in form of a demand for indemnity from the government.

Lee Declines Spain's Invitation.

Havana, March 11.—Consul General Lee, having been invited to take part in the new investigation about the Ruiz case which has been ordered from Madrid, has declined either to be present in person or to have the consulate represented by an attorney.

GREECE MAY YIELD.

General Impression in London that Greece Will Accept the Ultimatum.

FOREIGNERS MAY COMMAND TROOPS.

A British Steamer to Save Crew Throws Cattle, Horses and Sheep Overboard—Uruguay Insurgents Victorious.

London, March 11.—Stocks continue very firm in the belief that the powers are absolutely united on the Greco-Cretan question. Even friends of Greece here are worrying at their obstinacy. It is thought possible that some concession will be made to Greece but only after a complete submission to the demands of the powers. There are signs that Greece is anxious that the powers apply a seeming pressure on her to give her an excuse to retire from an impossible position.

Constantinople, March 11.—It is believed here that the powers will permit the Greek troops to co-operate under European officers in pacifying Crete after Greece has submitted to the ultimatum of the powers.

British Steamer in Trouble.

Liverpool, March 11.—The steamer Lake Winnipeg from St. John, N. S., arrived today and had a terrible voyage. It became necessary to throw 300 head of cattle, 25 horses and 75 sheep overboard on account of the scarcity of drinking water.

Uruguay Insurgents Victorious.

Montevideo, Uruguay, March 11.—In a conflict in the interior between the government troops and the insurgents the latter were victorious.

Col. Patton Dying.

Haddonfield, N. J., March 11.—The announcement was sent from Philadelphia last night that Col. Jesse Patton was dead was premature, though he is lying at death's door.

EX-SENATOR DOLPH DEAD.

Shock Caused by the Amputation of His Leg Results Fatally—His Successful Political Career.

Portland, Ore., March 11.—Ex-United States Senator Joseph N. Dolph died at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning. On Monday his leg was amputated in the hope of saving his life, which was threatened by blood poisoning. The shock was too great and at no time since the operation has there been a possibility of his recovery.

Joseph Norton Dolph was born in Hector, Schuyler county, New York, October 19, 1835. He received a common school education as well as private instruction, and for a time attended the Genesee Wesleyan seminary at Lima. Graduating from a law course he was admitted to the bar in 1861, and practiced his profession in Schuyler county for a year, when he enlisted in the army. He was appointed orderly sergeant in Captain M. Crawford's company, known as the Oregon escort. It was the duty of this company to escort companies of overland immigrants through the dangerous Indian country to the Pacific coast. This brought the soldier to Oregon, and in October, 1862, he settled in Portland.

He quickly got into politics, and in 1864 was elected city attorney of Portland and was subsequently appointed district attorney by President Lincoln. He was three times elected to the state senate, and in 1882 the Republicans sent him to the United States senate, in which he served two terms. He received the caucus nomination for a third term at the session of the legislature two years ago, but was defeated after a deadlock which lasted until the last day of the session, when McBride was elected. Since his retirement from the United States senate Mr. Dolph has practiced law in Portland.

Pension Examining Surgeons.

Washington, March 11.—The civil service protection has been removed from pension examining surgeons whose fees amount to $300 and less per annum. Mr. Francis issued the amending order just before he went out of the interior department, but this is the first publication of it. The correspondence of congressmen shows the impression is universal among the doctors that these appointments are now protected by civil service. The original order, issued seven or eight weeks before the end of the Cleveland administration, put all of the thousands of examining surgeons under the civil service law. The civil service commission called the attention of Secretary Francis to the matter, and insisted that the order went too far. There is a rule of the civil service which exempts from the law's operation those who are in government employment which is not their chief means of livelihood. There is another provision which exempts those who furnish the office room or place of business where service is rendered the government. This applies to the holders of postoffice agencies in drug stores and the like. There is a third provision which exempts generally from the civil service law holders of places which pay $300 or less per annum.

The pension examining surgeons are doctors who furnish their own offices, and at stated times examine and report on pensioners. Nearly every town of any considerable size has either one or two surgeons or a board. The most of these places yield less than $300 a year.

Mr. Francis gave the representations of the commission serious thought. He soon came to the conclusion that the sweeping extension of the civil service law to doctors whose pension positions were only incidental to their practice was a perversion of the spirit of the law. The commissioner of pensions, Mr. Murphy, wanted the order to stand to cover all of the present appointees. Mr. Francis overruled him, and issued the amending order, so that now all surgeons who do not receive over $300 a year are subject to removal, and the appointments to fill the vacancies can be made without examination or other compliance with the civil service provisions. The work of the pension examining surgeon is easy. It puts the doctor in the way of other practice. The places are as much sought after as postoffices, especially in the smaller towns. The contention for appointments is sometimes fierce. As soon as it becomes known that the general order has been amended there will be a rush of applicants for these appointments. The secretary's amendment provides that, to determine whether the office is under civil service, the amount of fees earned for the four quarters preceding the date of the proposed change shall be taken. It is said that fully two-thirds of these appointments are removed from civil service protection by the action of Mr. Francis. One of the civil service commissioners is authority for the statement that the amending order is indorsed by his body.

RULES OF THE BIG FIGHT.

George Siler, the Mighty Referee, Lays Down the Governing Law.

Carson, March 11.—Referee George Siler, in a letter too each contestant, gave his interpretation of the Marquis of Queensberry rules, under which the men are to fight on March 17.

He decided that the men shall be allowed to strike in a clinch with one arm free and on breakaways. This is generally believed to be more to the advantage of Fitzsimmons' style of fighting than Corbett's. Fitzsimmons has long declared that he did not desire to have any hitting with one arm free and demanded that breakaways should be clean with no punching. This was generally thought to be a ruse on the part of the Fitzsimmons crowd. On the other hand Corbett's friends claim that hitting with one arm free will exactly suit him.

Siler also instructs them in case of a "breakdown" the standing man must retire ten feet from his fallen opponent, and give him the opportunity to rise.

Pivot blows, deliberately meeting or striking an opponent with the elbows or knees is to be considered foul. Coaching, entering the ring to assist the fighters or throwing water upon them by the seconds is also to be considered foul.

Corbett took the road and covered ten miles at a lively pace. In the afternoon he took the same course of work he has gone through during the last ten days.

Yesterday in his boxing bouts Corbett made it unpleasant for both Woods and Jeffries. The former he knocked flat with a left swing on the jaw, and the latter he knocked out with a hot punch in the kidneys. Both were at work none the worse for their battering.

Fitzsimmons did very little work. In the morning he ran ten miles. In the afternoon he boxed with Hickey and Stelzner and punched the bag for a short time.

Dan Stuart appointed Malachy Hogan of Chicago, referee of the welter weight and featherweight championship fights between "Mysterious" Billy Smith and George Green (Young Corbett) and Martin Flaherty and Dal Hawkins, respectively. This was done by Stuart after a conference with George Siler.

THE RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Four Deaths Reported as the Result of the Accident.

Evansville, Ind., March 11.—As near as can be learned only four deaths have resulted from the accident on the E. & T. H. road near Hazelton yesterday. The dead are: George Zears, conductor, Joseph Coleman, fireman, Herbert Allen, late doorkeeper of the Indiana legislature, and one passenger, name unknown, supposed to be a drummer.

The Peoria Journal says that a county seat war between Havana and Mason City is one of the probabilities of the near future.

ILLINOIS SOLONS.

The Chaplain Surprises the House By a Prayer That God Could Not Answer.

THE GOVERNOR APPOINTS TRUSTEES.

Henry Clay of Tennessee Offered the Pension Commissionership—Will Probably Accept This Position.

Springfield, Ill., March 11.—In the house the chaplain created something of a sensation this morning in his prayer, asking God to bless the Republicans, Democrats, Populists, Prohibitionists, Socialists, Suffragists and Lobbyists, thus asking God to perform an impossibility.

Killcourse introduced a bill to regulate vivisection. Rowes introduced a resolution for the submission to a vote of the people of a constitutional amendment to abolish justice courts in cities of more than 50,000 inhabitants substituting district courts; and a resolution was introduced by Craig for the submission to a vote of the people the question of calling a legislative convention which was made a special order for next Tuesday.

The Senate.

In the senate the members were invited by the citizens of Joliet to inspect the drainage canal.

The governor sent in the following appointments. Trustees for the insane hospital at Kankakee: Lem Small, Kankakee; John J. Magee, Chicago, George T. Buckingham, Danville. The senate went into executive session and confirmed the appointments.

Resolutions of respect to the memory of Senators A. W. Wells of Quincy, and C. A. Herb of Alton, were offered and will be considered Tuesday.

Bills introduced by Mahoney to permit aliens to inherit property; by Stubblefield, to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes. Adjourned.

PRISON DIRECTORS PUZZLED.

Indiana's New Convict Labor Law Giving Rise to Complications.

Indianapolis, March 11.—The men at the head of the state prisons are very dubious about the possible effects of the law abolishing the contract system in prisons, and requiring that the products of prison labor be used to supply state institutions. It further requires that all work of manufacture in the prisons shall be done by hand, where practical, and requires an industrial superintendent in each prison. As it passed after the law converting the prison south into a reformatory, it modifies that law wherever it comes in conflict with it. The directors of the prison south had a meeting here today, to go over the text of the law, as well as to look into some of the provisions of the minor acts regulating prisons, and they are in doubt as to just where they stand.

"The act carries with it no appropriation for the purchase of material or supplies with which to work," said Warden Harley, "and it is difficult to see how its provisions are to be carried out. The state does not own any machinery or tools, and our appropriation is made simply for maintenance fund and specific purposes. None of these can be used for the purchase of cloth and leather or other material if we are to manufacture clothing and shoes for the other institutions, and none of it can be used for the purchase of tools or machinery. Now, if we should go ahead and, upon our own personal responsibility, purchase a lot of tools and supplies, we can not foretell just where we would land. The act forbids us making any new contracts, and we now have 100 idle men. Fortunately we shall be able at once to begin building operations upon the new buildings authorized by the legislature, and will be able to keep all these men at work in constructions authorized until probably late in the fall, but what to do with them in winter is a problem."

WASHINGTON MATTERS.

W. R. Jewell of Danville Appointed Postmaster.

Washington, March 11.—The senate committee on foreign relations yesterday agreed to report the Alaskian boundary treaty with Great Britain without amendment. The senate agreed when it adjourned yesterday that it be until Monday which is equivalent to a sine die adjournment as this is the date for the special session. The president sent to the senate the appointment of W. R. Jewell, to be postmaster at Danville, Ill. The appointment was confirmed by the senate in executive session. In the executive session the senate reconsidered the adjournment until Monday and agreed it should be sine die. At 12:40 it adjourned.

Previous to this a letter from Governor Bradley of Kentucky, announced the appointment of Andrew T. Wood as senator. This was referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

Hear presented a written notice of amendments to the rules, one providing for a closure to cut off debate when desired, the other to prevent the interruption of members.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Affairs There Becoming Normal—Stream of Callers Lessening.

Washington, March 11.—Affairs at the White House have been assuming a normal aspect. There is a marked falling off of the crowds of public men and general visitors. Today the president is able to give considerable time to public business.

Senators Wolcott of Colorado, and Chandler of New Hampshire, who have been prominent in advancing the proposed international monetary conference had a brief talk with the president.

The Republican caucus committee of the senate was in session today considering the organization of the senate. The committee is yet quite distant from an agreement. It may be decided to make no attempt to reorganize the committees for the present. The tariff situation is giving the Republicans some concern. They feel sure the bill can pass but it is believed the debate is going to be extended in the senate. It is known it is the intention of the Democrats to talk on every subject in the bill. Their object is to give as much time as possible for the importers to get stocks in under the present tariff so that when the new tariff goes into effect instead of increasing the revenue it will show an actual decrease.

Sons of Veterans Entertainment.

This evening the Sons of Veterans will give an entertainment in the post hall, the admission being 25 cents. The object is to secure funds for a noble purpose connected with the organization of the Sons of Vterans and the Grand Army of the Republic and every Grand Army and veteran should attend in aid of the project. The character of the entertainment has been published in the papers and it is not necessary to mention it here. It is sufficient to know that the entertainment will be interesting to all. Everybody should take note of this meeting and attend it as the young men are entitled to the success they have so earnestly labored to secure.

Out for Alderman.

Frank Shlaudeman is today announced as a candidate for alderman in the Fourth ward. It is at the earnest solicitation of many business and personal friends that Mr Shlaudeman has consented to become a candidate. He is a young man of business experience, and he is a practical man in mechanical laws, having applied his knowledge in a successful manner. He would be a very valuable man in the council as he would give the city the benefit of his energy and knowledge. He has grown up with Decatur and having large business interests here would bend all of his energies for the good of the entire community.

H. Clay Evans for Commissioner of Pensions.

Washington, March 11.—Clay Evans of Tennessee, has been tendered the office of commissioner of pensions, and will probably accept. Evans has long been a recognized leader among the southern Republicans. He represented the Chattanooga district in congress; was first assistant postmaster general under Harrison and later made a remarkable run for governor of Tennessee on the Republican ticket and came very near being elected. In fact was elected and counted out.

Married To-Day.

At the residence of Mr. Johnson, No. 604 West William street, at 1 p. m., today, August H. Wyrick, of Shelbyville, Ill., and Miss Cora E. Ward, daughter of Mrs. Johnson, were married in the presence of the immediate relatives. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. F. Gillmore of Grace Methodist church. After the marriage a dinner was served and the couple departed for Shelbyville where they will make their home.

Will Entertain To-Night.

This evening Misses Stella and Laura Jenkins will entertain at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Jenkins, on West William street. They will give a card party to some of the teachers of the high school whom they study under.

Briar Missionary Meeting.

The members of the Briar Missionary society of the College street chapel held a meeting this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Miss Lula Jones on North Church street. It was the annual meeting and officers were elected and reports for the work of the past year were heard.

Bob Caruthers has been appointed official umpire by President Hickey, of the Western association.

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Around Home.

Dalton City.

Ed Odor and wife, of Lake City, visited Frank Dill and family Sunday.

Mart Shein left for his home in Harristown Monday.

J. W. Hilligoss moved last week in the house vacated by E. A. Rouse.

Uppendahl & Taylor finished the carpenter work on their new building last Monday.

Mike Dunn and Ben Bressman, of Findlay, visited here last week.

John Crum and Peter Murphey are keeping house in the old school building.

Mrs. Conley visited Arcola last week.

R. F. Duggan was on our streets Monday.

Garrett McIntyre was on our streets Monday.

Charley Britton, of Hervey City, was here Monday.

John Ruce bought one acre of ground in the north part of town from James Henneberry for $150.

Frank Foley, of Chicago, is here visiting his parents.

Mrs. Darcene and family will move in the Henneberry property on Main street.

Ben Lester has placed a new wash stand n his tonsorial parlor.

Harman McIntire visited Bethany and Sullivan Tuesday.

Our grain dealers are paying 18 cents for corn here.

Pat and Joe Henneberry visited Decatur Monday.

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The Endeavor society elected officers Sunday night. Thomas Kapp, president; Bettie Kapp, vice president; Arthur Pritchett, treasurer; Pearl McElroy, secretary Bertha Chamberlain, organist.

James Dingman has bought the restaurant formerly owned by W. O. Jarrott.

Miss Maggie Herrod has returned from Chicago with her spring stock of millinery.

The C. W., B. M. and W. C. T. U. societies will unite in a temperance program next Sunday evening.

Mrs. Thomas Doran has been ill for some time.

Mrs. Wm. Pritchett visited Decatur friends Monday.

A Rebecca lodge will be organized here in the near future. The charter has been sent for.

Mrs. Anna Hizer, who has been ill for many months, is still a sufferer.

Joseph Kitch visited his mother, Mrs. Jane Kitch, last week. He has purchased a drug store at Harvell, Ill.

Cerner.

A pleasant little thunder shower this (Tuesday) morning.

Miss Florence Green of Decatur, is visiting with Mrs. Ben Chapman.

Mrs. George Florey did shopping in Decatur Saturday.

Charley Hill, Mrs. J. E. Underwood and Mrs. Henry Smith are on the sick list this week.

Miss Katie Hamman, of Milmine, is staying with Mrs. W. A. Underwood.

Mrs. J. M. Dodd and son, Earle, are visiting with the family of Dr. Patterson.

Mrs. Michael Siehrs and daughter spent Sunday in Decatur with the family of S Davidson, Mrs. Siehr's parents.

Lonie Wiesendanger and bride, formerly Miss Retta Prather, arrived here last week and are now at home on the Howell farm about two miles east of here.

A young people's society was organized Sunday afternon at the church. Earl Tohill was elected president, Mrs. Anna Bushart vice president, Jessie Bushart secretary, and David Underwood treasurer. They will meet on Sunday afternoons at 3 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend.

Ben Chapman says he was passing the home of Frank Jennings last week and saw Frank wading around in a pond with a long pole as if hunting for something. On inquiry it was found that his hogs were almost perishing for water and he said it was impossible to water them as his well was covered by a pond three or four feet deep.

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Mrs Frank Bond visited her brother, William Vowell, in Decatur Monday.

Miss Mollie Falconer of Blue Mound, and Miss Mayme Falconer of Mt. Zion, visited Mrs. I. C. Britton Friday.

Mrs Ella Jones is visiting her mother in Bethany this week.

Foreman Boyles and his men were called out at 3 o'clock Sunday morning to go to Dora and help clear up the wreck there.

Archie Dickson, sr., Mr. and Mrs. Hill were Decatur visitors Tuesday.

Robert Turpin made a business trip to Decatur Tuesday.

La Place.

Mr. O. Merritt was in Decatur one day last week.

James Stine was a Decatur visitor last Thursday.

John Havenar transacted business in Decatur last Friday.

James M. Goodwin was in Cerro Gordo and Decatur Saturday.

Joseph Replogle will move to a farm near Oakley in a short time.

Mr. Henderson of Kansas City, Mo., visited his aunt, Mrs. H. N. Greene, last week.

Irvin Hampton of Dunn, is staying wth his uncle, Cyrus Ranaford.

Mark Beadles of Lake City, was in our village Saturday night.

Candidates for township offices are as thick as the proverbial flies around a 'lasses factory; one good thing about them, however, is that they are all Republicans.

Slewin Blythe took a load of goods to Decatur for A. Trimmer last Thursday.

County Superintendent James H. Martin, held central examination here one day last week. Several schools were represented and a good interest was manifested. Elmer Fouts of Lintner school ranked first.

Mr. James Winings of Lake City, was a business visitor here last Friday.

David Fouts and wife returned Tuesday from Salem where they have been visiting friends for some time.

Jerry Boubrake returned Wednesday from a trip to Edgar county.

Miss Vivien Greene, who is attending school in Decatur, spent Sunday at home.

Mr. Jerry Turpin of Mt. Zion was here the first of the week visiting his sister, Mrs. Fannie Wilson.

David Eschelman of Oakley, was a business visitor here Monday.

Victor Hawthorne went to Decatur Wednesday.

Charles Redman and wife drove to Lovington on Tuesday to see Mrs. Redman's brother, Walker Binkley, who is quite ill.

Ed Frost is very sick with rheumatism. Dr. Bowers is attending him.

Our citizens are tiling out the pond on Railroad avenue, the work being done by popular subscription.

Ed Chenoweth formerly of Lintner, is now a resident of La Place. He occupies the Criswell property.

E. L. Bevers of Lintner, was here to attend Odd Fellows' lodge Monday night.

IN A BOARDING-HOUSE.

The Irrepressible Social Instinct That Pervades the Pruneries.

The boarding house is the sign of the undying savagery of the country.

There is no dining in the boarding house, for, even if the boarder has progressed far enough along in civilization to know the art of dining, he is handicapped for want of material.

Who can practice the art of dining on pork chops, prunes, charlotte russe and tea?

The line of boarding house life is really the primary idea of eating rapidly and burrowing in lonely apathy afterward, each boarder creeping away, to his lonely hole, like a gluttonous rabbit.

But even in this rabbit-like atmosphere the social instinct refuses to be repressed. The landlady exhibits three dusty and time-worn visiting cards, and the young gentleman who travels for neckwear sticks, with some ostentation, a card for some obsolete social function into the corner of his cracked mirror.

As for the typewriter, she insists upon instituting a reception day, which she calls ambitiously her "Sunday afternoons," when she marshals her admirers in distressed and jealous ranks and insists upon giving them stomachic twinges by feeding them with cut lemons moistened with hot water, which she calls "Russian tea." She has unconsciously grasped the idea that it is the names of things which keep the "masses" out of society.

The typewriter's room is six by nine, and her "gentlemen friends" are all large young men who hate each other's atmosphere and proximity. They treat each other with a dime novel and frapped politeness, and are constantly sitting down on each other's hats. They also forget each other's names and one might almost expect them to slap each other across the face with a glove, if they wore gloves. The conversation is extremely strained and stilted and the first man to go scowls at those he leaves behind.

The typewriter confided to me that she doesn't get any solid pleasure out of this marshaling of her ranks, and as it's very evident the ranks don't get any pleasure—and that the "Russian tea" functions produce nothing but spleen and stomach ache—I have remonstrated with her about the wasted outlay of lemons and politeness, much as Dr. Rainsford remonstrated with Mrs. Bradley Martin about her fancy-dress ball.

The typewriter, however, is obdurate. Everything is relative, and the Bradley Martin feeling reigns in her bosom, as it does in all feminine bosoms.

"Would you shut me out from every glimpse of social life?" she asks, pathetically.

And since that is the nearest she can get to social life, if you come to our boarding house you will find the young men sitting coldly but firmly upon each other's hats every Sunday afternoon.—N. Y. World.

BLEACHING IN WINTER.

The Only Method of Whitening Clothes in This Season.

It is often necessary to bleach clothes in winter, when it is impossible to spread them on the grass in the sun. Where linen or cotton clothes are washed with soap containing soda or boiled in water in which soda is used they will grow yellow in time, and there is no method of whitening them in winter except by the use of a bleaching fluid.

Chloride of lime, if used in the proper manner and quantity, is a perfectly harmless bleaching powder. It is the best and cheapest material that can be employed for this purpose. Purchase from a trustworthy druggist one pound of good chloride of lime. Dissolve it in enough cold water to form a smooth paste. Add enough cold water to make two gallons in all. Add also four pounds of ordinary sal soda, after first crushing it to a powder. Stir the mixture until the soda is dissolved. It will take a good deal of stirring to dissolve the soda crystals. When this is done, let the mixture stand in a stone pot or in a wooden pail for 24 hours. There will be a sediment, which will be settled to the bottom by this time. Pour off or dip off the clear liquid and put it in a two-gallon stone bottle. Cork it well and set it away in a cool place. When it is needed use a pint of this solution in a gallon of soft water. Lay the garment or garments of cotton or linen to be bleached for one hour in this gallon of prepared water, and afterward rinse them thoroughly several times in clear soft water. Where a large article is to be bleached, like a tablecloth or sheet, a larger bleaching bath than a gallon must be prepared.—N. Y. Tribune.

Roast Rabbit.

Skin and draw a fine young rabbit. Wash and wipe it dry. Cut off the head, remove the fine skin with a sharp knife and lard it with fine strips of larding pork; season with one teaspoonful salt; lay the rabbit in a roasting pan; pour over two ounces melted butter; place the pan in a hot oven and roast, basting frequently, till light brown; then add half a pint of sour cream, baste freely, and roast till done. When read to serve lay the rabbit on a hot dish, add a little broth to the gravy, boil for a few minutes, then strain; remove the fat; pour a few spoonfuls of the gravy over the rabbit and serve the remainder in a sauce bowl, or add one teaspoonful of corn starch, dissolved in cold water, to the gravy; stir and boil three minutes; add sufficient boiling water to make a creamy sauce, cook five minutes, then strain and serve. If cream is not at hand add a little boiling water.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Scrambled Eggs and Mushrooms.

An excellent breakfast dish is scrambled eggs and mushrooms. Have the mushrooms cooked and cut into pieces, and stir them into the eggs just before they are taken from the fire.—Boston Budget.

The moulders in the Bradley foundry at Kankakee struck last week on account of dissatisfaction with the foreman and a cut in wages. No settlement had been reached on Saturday.

Mrs. Lydia Bradley is the heaviest taxpayer in Peoria, her bill reaching $16,000. E. S. Easton, the Woolners and J. B. Greenhut each pay about $15,000.

A CRY OF WARNING.

"I suffered for years and years with womb and kidney trouble in their worst forms.

"I had terrible pains in my abdomen and back; could hardly drag myself around; had the 'blues' all the time, was cross to every one; but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has entirely cured me of all my pains.

"I cannot praise it enough, and cry aloud to all women that their suffering is unnecessary; go to your druggist and get a bottle that you may try it anyway. You owe this chance of recovery to yourself."—MRS. J. STENARD, 2218 Amber St., Kensington, Phila., Pa.

Locked in a Mysterious Sleep.

LEON ZANZIC,

The Oriental Prophet,

Predicts the Future Fate of Individuals and Tells Them the Outcome of Their Daily Affairs.

NOTHING LIKE IT EVER WITNESSED ON EARTH.

It matters not what your belief may be, nor what your experience with mediums, mind readers, nor fake clairvoyants may have been, Leon Zanzic will convince you that the future CAN BE TOLD.

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nor a fake clairvoyant, but a son of nature whose soul drops its mortal shackles and wanders into the labyrinths of space and time, and meets the skeletons of your past, the roseate shadows of your future, and returns to warn and advise you for your OWN GOOD.

He tells names, dates, facts and figures concerning your most private affairs, your most secret wishes, in a manner that furnishes staggering proofs of his wonderful power to unfold the secrets of the mystic future. 2,700 testimonials from Chicago's best business people, 700 from St Louis, 2,963 from New York, all open to rigid investigation, show the past record of this marvelous man. Advice on love, marriage, divorce, business moves, changes, positions, speculations, family troubles and all affairs of life.

Fee this week, 50c and $1.00.

Hours 9 to 9. Parlors so arranged you meet no callers. 120 East North St, Revere House.

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227 North Main Street.

Fine Wines and Liquors.

FAUST

Beer on Draught and for Table Use.

☞Free Music all the time by the Graphophone. Come and hear it.

Special Sale ...of... Linen Laces,

Special Sale Linen Laces

Half Their Regular Price

A lucky purchase of a lot of 22,462 yards of Hand-made and Machine Linen Laces, bought from importers who are retiring from the lace business. We will place these goods on sale at about half their regular price.

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1,760 Yds. of this Lot,

—We will sell in bunches of—

12 Yds. for 5c a Bunch

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2168 yards	2c
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1218 yards	25c

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Bicycles! Bicycles!

Bicycles! Bicycles!

A Good Line of New 1897 Wheels.

NO OLD GOODS. NO FAKES.

Please Call and Examine Them.

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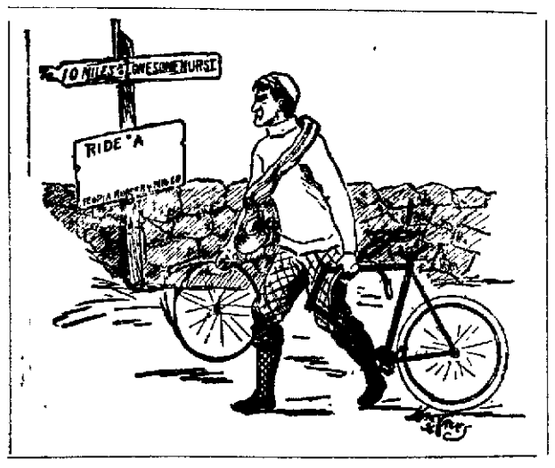

I wish I knew who made this Bicycle! Well, I will take it to PAUL HIEKISCH, on East North Street, and he can fix it better than it ever has been.

Baby Carriages....

75 Different Styles.

We are Exclusive Agents for the celebrated Gendron Buggies. Their styles are the best, and with their BALL-BEARING Bicycle Wheels they make the most satisfactory carriage in the market to-day. The clinched rubber tire is guaranteed never to come off.

Don't buy your Buggy until you see this line.

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Sold at $6.50, $7.00, $8.00 and $8.50,

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It is Easy to Operate,
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SMOKE AND WATER DAMAGED.

Goods only slightly soiled. To get rid of them at ONCE Prices

Cut Nearly in Half.

Choice 200 Junior and Reefer Suits, age 2½ to 8.

Choich 250 Boys' Double-Breasted Suits, age 6 to 15---MOSTLY LIGHT WEIGHT—UP-TO-DATE KIND.

$1.50 and $2.00 Suits, slightly soiled, at..... 85c
$2.50 and 3.00 Suits, slightly soiled, at.....$1.75
$3.50 and 4.00 Suits, slightly soiled, at..... 2.25
$4.50 and 5.00 Suits, slightly soiled, at..... 2.75

Choice of 500 Long Pant Suits, ages 10 to 19 years, In Single and Double Breasted. Takes in all our Finest Suits.

$5.00 and $6.00 Suits, choice - $3.75
$7.00 and $8.00 Suits, choice, - 4.75
$9.00 and $10.00 Suits, choice - - $6.75
$12, $13 and $15 Suits, choice - 9.00

800 Pairs Men's New Light Weight Pants Just Received, only slightly damaged by water.

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Boys' Mother's Friend Waists

AT JUST

One-Half Former Prices.

The Best Waist Made.

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Spring Overcoats....

We have about 75 at a price that will make you buy one.

One lot of Light and Dark Shades, sold up to $13.50, Choice at..... $6.95

One lot, some lined with Silk, sold up to $18, Choice at..... $8.50

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....NOVELTY BLUE FLAME OIL COOK STOVE....

A Stove that is Safe.
It is Easy to Operate,
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Perfect in Construction and Operation,
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The peculiar construction of the burner produces a clear, blue flame (from gas generated from the oil and not from the oil itself), which is better than either gas or gasoline.

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Know All Men,

THAT we are now located at 139 North Water Street (first door north of Race's). Largest Shoe Store and largest stock of

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in Central Illinois. Plenty of room; plenty of welcome. Make our store your stopping place to meet friends and wait for cars. Anything you want in an honest shoe.....

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"SNAG PROOF" RUBBER BOOTS.

It's YOUR store and OUR store.

WALTER HUTCHIN,

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HAVE YOU TRIED—

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LOCAL NEWS.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. june 22-dtf

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 center, made by John Weigand. Mch 25 tf.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. mch 25-dtf

Sparrow's fine chocolate for sale at the Opera House Drug store.

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant.—Oct21tf

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 433, new phone 435. M. F. Metz.—31-dtf

Ladies' and Children's made-up dresses, cloaks and capes chemically dyed, cleaned and pressed with ripping apart. Chenile and Portier Curtains dyed and dry cleaned, at Miller's Steam Dye House and Dry Cleaning Works, 145 N. Main street

The American Land company who own large tracts of land around Houston and Galveston in the La Porte country of Texas have made arrangements for a special tourist sleeper from St. Louis to La Porte to leave St. Louis Wednesday, March 17. The use of the car will be free to all buy tickets to the La Porte country. One fare plus $2 for the round trip. For particulars call on C. A. Pollok, P. and T. A., Wabash railroad.—5 d to 17.

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Is Never Wasted....

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HINKLE'S BEST... FLOUR

Will make Whiter and Better Bread than any flour made. Try one sack. Ask your groceryman for it, or call up 550 and we will see that you get a sack of the best quick.

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GRAIN DEALERS GONE.

The Session at Knights of Pythias Hall Close with a Smoker.

The afternoon and night sessions of the members of the Illinois Grain Dealers' association at Knights of Pythias hall were quite well attended and the interest in the discussion and side talks were maintained until the finish at 11 o'clock. Nearly sixty new members were admitted. The National Grain Dealers' association was endorsed and many of tthe state association members became members of the head organization by the payment of $5. A committee of five was appointed to investigate the application of the state law relating to the state weighing of grain. The committee consisted of J. T. Walker, J. E. Hutchison, E. R. Ulrich, Jr., W. B. Newbegin and E. M. Wayne.

Upon the report of the committee appointed on the landlords' lien law a new committee was created which is instructed to secure an amendment to the present landlords' lien law which will better protect the grain dealer from the tenant who sells gain covered by a lien for rent. The members of this commitee are J. E. Hutchison, H. C. Mowry and H. C. Hall. At the evening session Theodore P. Baxter of Taylorville read a paper on "Peace and Harmony." H. M. Knight of Monticello, read a paper entitled "The Reason Why We Should Stand Up for Our Fellow Grain Dealers."

Quite a number of the visitors gave extemporaneous addresses on the benefits of the organization and everybody enjoyed cigars and refreshed themselves with McDonald chocolate punch.

A Peoria gentleman stated that the gathering was one of the best meetings yet held and that the accommodations at the hall were first class, a roomy and home like place. He complimented the intelligence and general appearance of the membership, and said that all he had seen and heard had done him good. He was very glad he had come over to the meeting.

The regular meeting will be held in June next at Decatur. At that meeting officers will be elected.

NOTED METHODISTS.

The Educational Conference at the Wesleyan Next Week Will be Attended by Able Men.

Bloomington Pantagraph: An educational conference will be held in this city on March 16 and 17, under the auspices of the Wesleyan university. The conference is called to further the interests of education in general and the Illinois Wesleyan in particular. A large number of prominent men from all over the country will be here to take part. The program as outlined consists of papers and discussions on various topics relating to higher ducation, the mission of denominational colleges, why they should be maintained and various ways and means to that end. Among the distinguished men who will be here are Rev. Arthur Edwards, editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate; ex-senator Harlan of Iowa; President W. F. King of Cornell college, Rev. C. H. Payne, secretary of the board of education of New York City; Bishop Thomas Bowman, Chancellor Sims, Bishop Merrill and President J. G. Evans of Hedding college. In addition to the above a large number from Bloomington and the surrounding towns will participate. It is seldom that this city is called upon to entertain such a distinguished company of educational men.

The W. H. Parker Estate.

John Crocker, assignee for W. H. Parker of Maroa, who assigned Sept. 15, 1896, filed a petition in the county court yesterday reciting that the uncontested claims owed by the estate amounted to $10,845 88, and prays that he be allowed to sell the personal and real property to pay these claims. The petitioner asked that he be allowed to call for sealed bids on the property as follows: First, on the stock of merchandise in Maroa, consisting of farm implements, machinery, repairs and castings. Second, lump bids on the repairs and castings and a certain per cent on the invoice price of the rest of the merchandise. Third, lump bids on 480 acres of land in Austin township. Such bids to be sealed and delivered to the assignee by 12 o'clock noon on April 1, 1897. The petition was granted as prayed.

Miss Nellie G. Moore at Home.

Miss Nellie G. Moore, who has just finished a course with Professor Emil Liebling at Chicago, has arrived home, accompanied by her mother, Mrs Melissa Moore. Last Friday Miss Moore gave a recital at the Kimball rehearsal hall in Chicago, which was a highly successful affair. In referring to the recital the Indicator, a Chicago musical journal, says, among other complimentary things:

"An exacting program was presented, including numbers by Weber, Chopin, Chaminade and Liszt. Miss Moore's finely developed technique was presentably displayed in the Chopin Etudes and Polonaise. Miss Griewisch, accompanied by her teacher, Mr. Kowalski, assisted with some charming vocal numbers."

Removal Sale.

We have leased the Gallagher store room, No. 331 North Water street, and will move from our present location about April 1st. And as we have orders placed for new stock sufficient to fill our new room, we now offer our present stock of pianos and organs at greatly reduced prices. Call and be convinced. Phillips & Wood, 326 North Water street.—10-d1w

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

THE TOWN ELECTION

Republican Convention to be Held on March 19—Primaries March 18.

ACTION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

There Will Be Seventy-Three Delegates to Present the Republican Nominees—How the Delegates are to be Chosen.

The called meeting of the members of the Republican central committee for Decatur township was held last night at the office of Justice Hardy and Constable Midkiff on South Water street. It was a brief session. The following resolutions were presented and adopted:

Resolved, That a convention be held on the 19th day of March inst., at the city council rooms, in the city of Decatur, county of Macon, and state of Illinois, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the several offices to be voted for at the election to be held Tuesday, April 6, 1897.

Resolved, That the representation be based on the vote cast at the presidential election in November, 1896, towit: One delegate for each fifty votes, or the fraction of twenty-five, or over, cast for William McKinley for president.

Resolved, That a primary election be held in each voting district in this, Decatur township, at places to be designated by the respective chairmen, on Tuesday, March 18th, inst., the polls to be opened from 4 p. m., to 7 p. m., each district to vote by ballot for the candidate for the several offices, the candidates receiving a plurality of votes cast in each district, to receive the votes of the delegates from that district, at the township convention, the vote of the district to operate as an instruction to the delegates from that district. In the case of constables and justices of the peace, there being five of each to elect, the five candidates for each office, receiving the highest number of votes in either district, shall receive the votes of the delegates from that district, and in the case of assistant supervisors, there being four to elect, like rule shall prevail.

Resolved, That the township central committeeman for each district, shall have charge of the primary in his district, and shall appoint a clerk who shall serve at the primary and record the names of the voters.

Resolved, That when the polls close, towit: at 7:30 p. m., the voters assembled for that purpose, at the polling place shall elect delegates to represent the district in the township convention.

Resolved, That the township central committee supply the tickets to be used at the said primaries, to contain the names of all candidates who may notify the chairman of the committee on or before the 15th day of March inst., of their desire to have their names placed on the ticket and pay their pro rata of the expense of printing and attending the primaries. That a committee of three, to be named by the chairman, have charge of the tickets and see that each voting place shall be supplied, and no ticket shall be voted, or received, or counted, save the tickets furnished by the said committee, which shall be known as the official ticket.

The Delegates.

There will be seventy-three delegates in the convention.

Messrs. Quinn, Midkiff and Black were appointed to secure the circuit court room. If possible, as the place for holding the convention.

THERE ARE OTHERS,

But none like Edwin Clapp's Men's Fine Shoes, Colored Russia Calf, Colored Kid, Patent Leather, English Enamel and French Calf. Most every well-dressed gentleman wears them. Why don't you? New Spring styles, shapes, sizes and widths to fit every one. See them in our window. Sold only by FOLRATH & HARDY, Largest Retailers of Footwear in Decatur, Sign of the Old Cobbler in Window. March 5-dtf

The Illinois Central traffic report, issued yesterday, shows gross receipts from traffic for the seven months ended January 31, 1897, of $13,361,793, a decrease of $187,631 compared with the previous seven months. The operating expenses and taxes for the same period were $9,218,494, being an increase of $507,785. Gross receipts from traffic for February are estimated at $1,803,737, being an estimated increase of $48,459 over last year.

Cyclones.

Rev. Irl Hicks predicted the great St. Louis cyclone and says now that disastrous storm may be expected during March, April and May. Property owners should heed this warning and take out cyclone insurace. The cost is so little that you cannot afford to do without it. Kuny, Johns & Strohm, 124 North Water street, will write you a policy while you wait in the best American companies. Don't delay.—8-d1w

Miss Minnie Crane entertained friends at cards at her home on West Wood street last night. Eight couples were present and the evening was pleasantly spent playing progressive whist.

At The Grand.

Two Nights of Minstrels.

Friday and Saturday nights the Beach & Bowers minstrel troupe will be at the Grand in a big bill of fun and music. The prices each night will be 10, 20 and 30 cents. Hall Wilson, the Decatur baritone, is with the troupe, and there are many pleasing specialties.

All Week.

There will be a round of comedy drama plays at the Grand all next week, at 10, 20 and 30 cents. The "Brand of Cain" will be the first play Monday night.

Appreciation.

A writer of exceptionally good sense has said, "We remember the quality long after the price is forgotten."

A trinket, a garment, an article of furniture, a musical instrument, a carriage, anything we buy, becomes a perpetual pleasure; if it is right. Whatever the extra cost, we congratulate ourselves, a thousand times over, that we paid for it, and made sure of the thing we enjoy.

Fine quality in bicycles costs a trifle more in the original purchase price, but lasts three times as long as the less expensive ones, is always a source of pride, comfort and pleasure. The Cleveland has since its introduction to the public, been the most popular and satisfactory wheel on the market. This year they show the same progress as heretofore, and have on the market, the best bicycle possible to build. We will be very glad to show you the full line of 1897 models. Their beautiful finish speaks for itself, and the quality of workmanship is well known in this city where they have been leaders for the last five years.

Buy a Cleveland and feel content.

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Funeral of Miss Fulton.

This evening at 7 o'clock the remains of the late Miss Belle Fulton will arrive in the city from Reading, Pa., where the young woman met her death. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of the mother, Mrs. George W. Fulton, No. 1153 North Water street.

It is learned that the point on the railroad at Reading where Miss Fulton met her death is at a curve in the road where there are several tracks. It has been the place of a number of fatal accidents, and it is the belief of the family and those familiar with all the circumstances of the sad affair that in her confusion or effort to get out of danger Miss Fulton stepped or fell in front of the approaching train. She had not spoken a word or written a line indicating that she had determined to destroy her life.

In order to get the remains expressed out of the state, Will Fulton and his sister, Miss Minta Fulton at Reading, and the relatives in Decatur, had to comply with the strict law of the state of Pennsylvania. A very expensive metallic casket, hermetically sealed, had to be procured and a number of certificates secured.

Reception for Rev. Mr. Oberly and Bride.

The Lutheran League of the First English Lutheran church will give a reception to Rev. F. C. Oberly and bride on next Friday evening from 8 till 11 o'clock in the basement of the church at the corner of North Main and William streets. A short musical program will be rendered. All are invited to attend. Rev. Mr. Oberly took charge of the church a year ago last November and his labors have been crowned with success. The reception is given in honor of Mr. Oberly's return with his bride. Mrs. Oberly maiden name was Addie Sherman and she was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sherman of Luray, Va. The wedding occurred on February 11, and as Mrs. Oberly enters upon her new sphere in life, among the Christian people of Decatur, the people will extend her a hearty greeting and ask in her behalf a hearty recognition and a cordial reception.

Come Here to Live.

Decatur is our home and at 630 Wabash avenue, we are ready to clean carpets any hour of the day. This is our only business and we give it our personal attention; doing the best of work at reasonable prices. Hayes & Anthony, both phones, No. 667.—6-d1w

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Special low prices at West's drug store: Powers & Weightman, ounce.. .50 cents
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THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1897.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, March 11.—Rain tonight; rain or snow; Colder Friday; fresh easterly winds shifting Friday to northerly.

"The Industry of the Sheriff."

American Economist: What a glorious ring the closing sentence of the denunciation of the Republican policy of protection had in the Democratic national platform of 1892. After pronouncing Republican protection to be a fraud and a robbery of the many for the benefit of the few, then denouncing the McKinley law as "the culminating atrocity of class legislation," it rounded up with the following:

"We denounce a policy which fosters no industry so much as it does that of the sheriff."

We can imagine the self-satisfaction that beamed upon the writer of the Democratic tariff plank of 1892 as he laid down his pen and sat back in his chair and smiled. Heedless was he, as were his fellow Democrats who cried, "Down with the industry of the sheriff!" when they went about the country lying about the price of the poor man's dinner pail—heedless were they that a day of reckoning would surely come. Perhaps, if they gave thought to the future at all, it was with a degree of assurance that events would prove them in the right. Many Democrats who had been in short pants or petticoats during our last experience with free trade some three decades ago were bold enough to take the stump in 1892 and promise more work and better wages to all voters who would help boost the Democratic party into power. But, thanks to our commercial agencies, we are enabled to study the "industry of the sheriff" and give the results as taken from "Bradstreets.

Year.	No of failures.	Amount of liabilities
1890	10,673	$175,022,836
1891	12,394	193,177,000
1892	10,270	168,595,248
1893	15,560	402,427,818
1894	12,721	149,535,434
1895	13,013	158,842,445
1896	15,112	247,052,743
Annual Average.		
1890-92	11,112	$158,931,695
1893-96	14,102	239,479,510

If the Republican party fostered no industry so much as it did that of the sheriff from 1890 to 1892, it must certainly haul down its colors before the subsequent record of Democracy. During the last three years of President Harrison's administration the average of trade failures was 11,112, with annual average liabilities amounting to $158,931,695, or $14,300 of liabilities to every concern that failed. But the Democrats promised to do greater things than the Republicans ever thought of, and in the matter of trade failures they achieved greatness in entirely overlooking their denunciation of "the industry of the sheriff." Their average number of trade failures shows a record of 14,102 a year, with annual liabilities averaging $239,479,510, or $17,000 of liabilities to every concern that failed.

During this Democratic administration there has been, in round numbers, an increase of 3000 trade failures every year of $80,000,000 of liabilities every year, and the average of liabilities has increased by $3000 to each failed concern. This last point shows that the Democratic party has succeeded in hitting the "robber barons" below the belt, because many larger businesses must have succumbed under the continued onslaught of Democracy upon American industry. Let the Republican party lower its banner and meekly give place to the emblem of Democracy, floating before the breeze, upon which we read their proud device:

"We denounce a policy which fosters any industry so much as it does that of the sheriff."

Suppose the Greeks should refuse to obey the demands of the powers and accept battle and be defeated it is highly probable that the powers would be able in the eyes of the world to show a clean bill of health. Gladstone suggested the united powers had a characteer to make and he was no doubt thinking along logical lines. If the peace of Europe is to be protected by protecting the sultan in his reeking infamy the sooner Europe has a war the better it will be for the world.

Cleveland's Pocket Vetoes.

Chicago Inter-Ocean: Had the election of 1896 resulted in a Democratic victory Mr. Cleveland's pocket vetoes would have been in good form; for it would have been a fair inference that the verdict of 1896 was a reversal of that of 1894. Or, had the Republican majority whose appropriation bills were distasteful to Mr. Cleveland been a body that was to continue, as in an off year, still subject to his veto, his act would have been justifiable upon the theory of party necessity, however amenable to criticism upon higher ground. But, as matters stand, the president is chargeable with intent to embarrass the incoming administration. This is the more to be regretted since the personal attitude of the late president to the new chief executive has been extremely courteous. It is a pity that Mr. Cleveland's dislike of a congress that he could not control has let him into an undignified abuse of a power that was vested in his office by the framers of the constitution in evident expectation that it would be used seldom, and only in cases of political emergency.

WILL OF I. D. WALKER.

Filed for Probate To-Day—Estate Consists of Property in Chicago, South Dakota and Decatur.

The will of the late Isaac Walker was filed for probate today. To the wife of the deceased, Lillie M. Walker, is bequeathed all property, both personal and real to be her absolute property. It is requested that the two sons be educated and given as a start financially as possible when they reach the age to go into business or take up a profession, but this is simply a request and is not a lien on any of the property. Lillie M. Walker is named as executrix and is not required to give a bond.

The estate consists of an undivided one-third interest in three business and two residence lots in Chicago, 40 acres of land at Pierre, S. D., 80 acres of land in Sully county, South Dakota, and the homestead consisting of a house and lot in Decatur at the corner of South College and West Decatur streets, and a one-half interest in 40 acres of land in Piatt county, Illinois. The personal property consists of notes, accounts, cash in bank and personal and household effects and is valued at $5500.

Revival Meetings.

The revival meetings which have been held by the congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian church this week at the W. C. T. U. rooms have been largely attended. There has been great interest taken in the services and a number of conversions have been made. Rev. Kinnon is assisting in conducting the services.

Another Dakota Blizzard.

Aberdeen, S. D., March 11.—A blizzard of remarkably light fine snow started at midnight and holds full sway over this section. The Milwaukee road had just opened its line south, but now it has several freight trains buried in drifts between here and Mitchell. The roads will probably be tied up for a week.

INSECTS IN WINTER.

Freezing Does Not Exterminate the Smaller Creatures.

The winter forms of insects can withstand long and severe cold weather—in fact, may be frozen solid for weeks and retain life and vigor, which is shown when warm weather and food appear again. Indeed, it is not an unusually cold winter, but one of successive thawings and freezings, which is most destructive to insect life. A mild winter encourages the growth of mold which attacks the hibernating larvae and pupae as soon as, from excess of rain or humidity, they become sickly; and it also permits the continued activity of insectivorous mammals and birds. Thus, moles, shrews and field mice, instead of burying themselves deeply in the ground, run about freely during an open winter, and destroy enormous numbers of pupae; while such birds as the woodpeckers, titmice and chickadees are constantly on the alert, and searching in every crevice and cranny of fence and bark of tree for the hibernating larvae.

Of the creeping, wingless creatures which can ever be found beneath rocks, rails, chunks, and especially beneath those old decaying logs which are half buried in the rich vegetable mold, the myriapods, or "thousand-legs," deserve more than passing notice. They are typical examples of that great branch of the animal kingdom known as arthropods, which comprises all insects and crustaceans. Each arthropod has the body composed of rings placed end to end and bearing jointed appendages, and in the myriapods each ring and its appendages can be plainly seen, whereas in the higher forms of the branch many of the rings are so combined as to be very difficult to make out.—W. S. Blatchley, in Appleton's Popular Science Monthly.

Well Met.

Two Irishmen were disputing. One of them, speaking of himself, said:

"I am a brick."

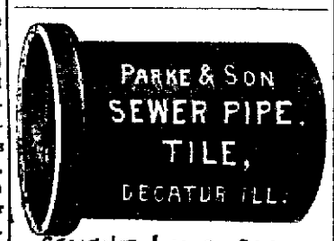
"Sure, and I am a bricklayer," said the other, at the same time knocking him down.—Tit-Bits.

—The great hammer of the Woolwich gun works of England weighs 40 tons and has a drop of 44 feet.

Cure for Headache.

As a remedy for all forms of Headache Electric Bitters has proved to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure, and the most dreaded habitual sick headaches yield to its influence. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle, and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation Electric Bitters cures by giving the needed tone to the bowels, and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. 50c and $1.00 at West's drug store.

A telephone company is scattering poles for a line between Watseka, Kankakee and Paxton.



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TALKERS AT A LABOR MEETING.

Candidates Seen and Heard Last Night at Cigarmakers' Hall.

Last night a mass meeting of laboring men was held at Cigarmakers' hall over the Ehrman store. The attendance was large and interest centered in the remarks of the gentlemen who were called out to make speeches. After Col. James Keefe had refused to preside, Atzel Henson was elected chairman, and O. D. Hill secretary. The chairman stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of selecting representatives from each ward to confer with the trades and labor assembly as to what candidates the laboring men would support in the spring election.

Speeches.

Quite a number of gentlemen responded to calls for addresses. Colonel James Keefe, candidate for alderman in the Third ward, made a decided hit and was roundly cheered for the sentiments expressed by him. He suggested what he had done for labor in his time and he repeated that he had always been the friend of those who toil. T. J. Hughes, candidate for justice, W. B. McGowan, candidate for constable, W. N. Andrews, candidate for city attorney; M. C. Purdy, candidate for constable; Greenberry Martin, candidate for poundmaster; William Bunday, candidate for commissioner; John Lloyd, candidate for constable, and James Garrow and Peter Mitchell, the two last named not candidates for any offices, were heard. All were cheered.

Mr. Mitchell moved that a representative from each ward be selected to confer with the trades assembly in selecting labor candidates for office, each representative to select two assistants. The motion was adopted. The committee was named as follows:

First ward, Peter Mitchell; Second ward, John Lloyd; Third ward, Wm. McDougal; Fourth ward, Mr. Cooper; Fifth ward, Fred Salogga; Sixth ward, C. A. Purdy; Seventh ward, James P. Loomis.

The committee organized by naming Salogga as chairman and John Lloyd secretary. They are to consult with the trades assembly on Friday night. Another mass meeting of working men is to be held on Friday night in the hall over Towne's grocery store on the corner of King and Monroe.

Just before an adjournment was taken Pete Mitchell endeavored to secure the endorsement by the meeting of A. S. Morgan, John Lloyd, Greenberry Martin and W. N. Andrews, but the motion was voted down.

Illinois Central Excursion to Monticello.

On account of the Goodman band concert at Monticello on next Wednesday, March 10, the Illinois Central will sell tickets, good going on all trains, March 10, and returning on all trains March 11. Fare $1 for the round trip. Tickets on sale at depot or city office, 131 East William street.—6-3t

Regular meeting Decatur chapter No. 111 O. E. S. at Masonic Temple this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Visiting members cordially invited. Mrs. Mary E. Ferguson, W. M., S. J. Steele, Sec.

Square Pianos.

Square pianos of well known makes from $25.90 up during the removal sale, on easy payments. Phillips & Wood. 10-d6

Circuit Court.

The assumpsit case of John W. Walker et al vs James L. Hight et al, is on trial by jury in the circuit court.

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds, at the Spencer & Lohman Co.'s — jan 29-d&wtf

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 11, 1897.

The REPUBLICAN is indebted to B. Z. Taylor, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
March	——	——	——	71⅝
May	74⅝	74½	72¾	73⅝
July	71⅝	71½	69⅞	69⅞
Corn—				
March	——	——	——	23⅝
May	24⅛	24⅜	24	24⅛
July	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛
Oats—				
March	——	——	——	15⅝
May	17⅛	17⅜	17	17
July	18⅛	18⅛	18	18
Pork—				
March	——	——	——	——
May	8.32½	8.40	8.25	8.35
Lard—				
March	——	——	——	——
May	4.10	4.15	4.10	4.15
Ribs—				
March	——	——	——	——
May	4.37½	4.45	4.37½	4.45

May wheat: puts, 71⅛c; calls, 73⅛c; curb 72⅝.

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CAR LOTS.

Wheat—11. Estimated, 13. Year ago, 55.
Corn—103; Estimated, 130; a year ago, 293.
Oats—170; Estimated, 190; a year ago, 161.

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.

Wheat, 18; Corn, 147; oats, 228.

Hog receipts 23,000; estimated, 28,000. Market slow, steady.

Light, $3.75@$3.90; Mixed, $3.65@$3.85; Heavy $3.60@$3.82; Rough $3.45@$3.55.

Estimated for to-morrow, 20,000.

Cattle receipts, 9,500. Market steady.

PEORIA QUOTATIONS.

PEORIA, March 11.—Corn, steady, new, No. 2, white, 21¼c; oats, firm, No. 2, white, 19½; Rye, nominal.

NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Wheat, May, 88¾c; Corn, May, 29⅝c; oats, May, 21¼c.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Butter, steady, creamery, 13@19c; Eggs, quiet, 10¾@11c.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

ST. LOUIS, March 11.—Wheat, cash, 92c; May, 88c; Corn, cash 20¾; May, 21⅛; Oats, cash, 17¼c; May, 18⅛.

Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor. jan 24-d&wtf

Cupid's arrows fly straightest in the light of a clear complexion, bright eyes and rosy lips. The woman who is vigorously healthy is sure to be attractive. She will have beauty and magnetism of health. As she loses health, she will surely lose beauty. Hollows in the cheeks, dullness in the eyes, muddiness in the complexion—one or all—are sure to result from ill-health.

Nine times in ten ill-health in women means an unhealthy condition of the organs distinctly feminine. A slight disorder here will put the whole woman out of order. Ordinarily when a woman is sick, she will find that the trouble is here. Headaches, neuralgia, sleeplessness, nervousness generally come from the same cause. These things are serious, but they can be cured. Any disease or weakness of the female organism can be surely and completely cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Thousands of grateful women have testified to its beneficial results. Among them Mrs. Roscoe Vanover, of Robinson Creek, Pike Co., Ky., who writes:

"I wish to express my thanks to you for the good I have received from your 'Favorite Prescription.' I have used it at different times for the last five years, and always with the most gratifying results. But the greatest good received by me 'Favorite Prescription' was about four months ago when my last baby was born. I was afflicted with 'child-bed fever.' Instead of sending after the doctor, I used the 'Prescription' and was cured. A lady friend of mine was similarly afflicted and sent after the doctor and took his remedies and died. I am now 27 years old, weigh 147 pounds, the mother of five children, and am enjoying the best of health."

If you would like to see more of these testimonials, and to find out all about Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, you should send for a copy of the "Common Sense Medical Adviser." This is Dr. Pierce's 1,008 page book, 680,000 of which have been sold at the regular price, of $1.50 per volume. The new edition, paper-bound, of half a million is being distributed *absolutely free* to those who will send 21 one-cent stamps, to pay cost of mailing *only*, to World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y. If French cloth binding is desired, send 10 cents extra, 31 cents in all.

Republican City Convention.

A Republican City Convention will be held at Abbott's Hall, West Prairie avenue, in Decatur, on Wednesday, March 31, 1897, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following offices, to-wit:

Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney and City Treasurer, to be voted for at the city election to be held on Tuesday, April 20, 1897, and also to elect a city central committee.

The ward representation in said convention will be one delegate for every twenty-five votes cast for D. H. Conklin for mayor in 1895, and one vote for each fraction of thirteen votes and over, and will be as follows.

1st Ward	12	Delegates.
2d Ward	11	"
3d Ward	12	"
4th Ward	13	"
5th Ward	9	"
6th Ward	13	"
7th Ward	7	"
Total	77	Delegates.

The polls at the primaries in the respective wards will be open at 5 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, March 30, 1897, and will close at 8 p. m. of said day, and all Republicans are requested to attend said primaries in their respective wards between said hours, and by ballot express their choice of candidates for city offices, and any candidate receiving the greatest number of votes in any ward shall receive the votes of the delegates of such ward in the convention.

Immediately after said polls are closed, the voters being assembled for that purpose, delegates will be selected to the city convention, and a central committeeman from each ward will be elected to serve for the next two years, and candidates for aldermen will be nominated by ballot on each ward. The primaries and ward conventions will be held in the respective wards at the following places:

1st Ward—at Street Car barn, E. North street.
2d Ward—at W. H. Starr's Wholesale House.
3d Ward—at Doaker's Wagon Yard.
4th Ward—City Council Room, Court House.
5th Ward—At George Kraft's Bottling Works.
6th Ward—Foster's Store, corner Condit and Broadway.
7th Ward—at Hendricks' Shop.

C. N. TWADELL, Chairman.
W. F. CALHOUN, Secretary.

WABASH EXCURSIONS.

The Wabash Railroad will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:

On Feb. 23, March 29, April 6th and 20th, May 4th and 18th, settlers' one way tickets to points south at very low rates.

Winter Tourist tickets are now on sale to the principal Winter resorts in the South and Southeast.

Improved Dining Car Service on the Wabash. Meals will now be served A la Carte on all dining cars on the Wabash line. This will be a great accommodation to passengers as it will enable them to select from the bill of fare just what they want and pay only for what they get.

Sunday low rate tickets will be sold from all stations east of Mississippi River, except to points north of Bement on Chicago Division, Sundays at very low rates—good going and and returning Sunday only.

Homeseekers' excursion to principal points in the west, northwest, south and southwest on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, at one fare plus $2 round trip. Tickets good returning every Tuesday and Friday within three weeks. Stop overs granted on going trip.

Carson City, Nevada, account Corbet-Fitzsimmons entertainment; $74.40 round trip. Tickets on sale March 12th and 13th—good returning till March 25th.

German Baptist annual meeting, Frederick Md., June 3.

Grand Army of the Republic, Buffalo, N. Y., August 21st to 24th.

Baptist Young People's Union, Chattanooga, Tenn., in July.

National Educational Association, Milwaukee, July 3d to 6th.

B. Y. P. O. Elks, Minneapolis, July 4th and 5th.

Twenty-seventh Bunde Turn Fest, St. Louis, May 6 to 11.

Epworth League, Toronto, in July.

San Antonio, Texas, account Cattlemen's Convention. Sell March 5th and 6th; good returning till March 15th. $30.25 round trip.

Would you like to take a trip to Boca-del Tora, U. S. of Colombia, South America, via Mobile and the Snyder Banana Steamship Co? Tickets are sold very cheap. Call at City Ticket Office for particulars.

WE HAVE DECIDED

To Sacrifice some very choice Dress Goods and have put sale tickets on them that will interest the most careful buyers. No trouble to show them, as they are marked in plain figures at prices to make them go quick.

First choice desirable. Will hope to see scores of customers to snap up these bargains.

Prices 10, 15, 19, 29, 39, 49c and up.

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Special Sale this week of just the goods you need for your spring sewing. Read our prices and then compare with others.

Ready-made Pillow Cases, size 42x36 and 45x36 at.....5⅜c each

Best Bleached Sheeting (Lockwood mills) full 9-4, at.....15c yard

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A make of Lonsdale Muslin, our special price..4⅞c yard

Bale of Stevens' All Linen Toweling at.....4⅞c yard

72-inch Fine Loom Table Damask, five patterns, extra value at 75c, but they will sell at.....49c yard

70-inch Fine Bleached Satin Table Damask, six patterns, would be cheap at $1.00, but for this week.....75c yard

One case Spring Dress Prints, new printing, all at.....3⅝c yard

One case Fine Black and White Prints, looks like Pongee; they are fast colors; this sale, 4⅞c yard

Double width Tartan Plaids, beautiful coloring, well worth 15c; they will go at.....8½c yard

Fine Bed Pillows, best ticking, pure feathers, full 5 lbs. to pair; for our special sale....$1.98 pair

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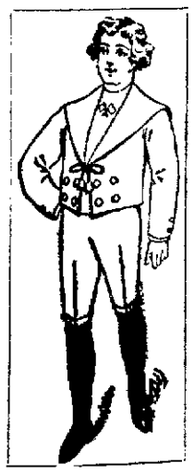

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THE WRONG MAN.

BY G. B. DUNHAM.

WHEN our foreman went away to the Northwest territory to find a cattle range unspoiled by settlers, Robert was put in charge of the ranch. This was equivalent to a promotion of Biddy, also, for the Missourian, whose bony frame had been built from the limestone waters of his native state, was still a partisan and protector of the sappy youngster from northern Vermont.

"You are a Canadian pony, and I am a Hambletonian," said Robert; "but if we like to trot together, I guess the other horses on this range will have to take our dust."

The friendship between these two men was founded on complementary qualities, and only a woman could break it. The woman in this instance was Miss Bell, the school-teacher at the Bend.

The burned child dreads the fire, but a bird will return and again dash into the flames. Robert's encounter with the fair fence-cutter was like flame to the bird. He sought an introduction and forthwith became a suitor for her hand. Biddy, the only one in camp who took it upon himself to criticise any act of Robert's, remonstrated with him.

"You are a bird, aren't you?" said he; "the girl mesmerized you once, she'll bamboozle you for twice, and bounce you for three times. What do you mean to do?"

"I mean to marry her if she will have me," replied Robert, simply. "Yes, I know I told you plenty times that a cowboy has no business to marry, and that's right, but I'm an exception. I don't know how, and I don't know why, but I know I'm hit hard. I got to have her."

So Robert, big, hulking, 40 years old, was in love for the first time in his whole life. If force and earnestness avail, he should win.

Less forceful, less earnest, half as old, Biddy was in the same plight. His advice to Robert to let the girl alone was in good faith; he thought it the best thing—for Robert, but he had a bad case of "physician, heal thyself" upon his hands. He, too, was resolved to win and marry Miss Bell. He did not say so to Robert, so hard is it for most men to be open in a love affair, and for a time Robert knew nothing of it. Everyone else saw it, and Scotty told Biddy he had better stand from under.

"If you lock horns with Robert," said he, "he'll get you down and walk all over your frame." And Scotty added some reflections on the law of supply and demand. "If there were 20 schoolma'ams round here, you would not look at one of them, but because there is only one, you are fixing to get your skin so plumb full of bullet holes that the wind won't whistle as it blows through."

Biddy laughed and went his way to call upon Miss Bell and urge his suit.

And Robert went his way, which was the same way, upon the same errand.

I do not know whether Miss Bell gave to either man any manner of encouragement, but as the deadshot is said to add a notch to the marks on his pistol grip for each man he drops, so it is supposable that about this time this young lady increased her list of rejected suitors by the names of these two cowboys.

It was done in her kindest manner, this rejection, and she had said to each: "I am sorry this has occurred, but since you have so honored me, you must come to my wedding. I am to be married next month in the church at Hammond. I shall really feel it if you do not come."

And each man had promised to be there.

It had come to Robert's notice before this time that Biddy was his rival, but with the hope and intention of success strong within him, he had been affected differently from Scotty's forecast. He went straight to Biddy, and told him to "go in and win if you can. I don't want the girl unless I can get her fair and hold her against all comers." But when both had been refused, each man thought the other was accepted, and each waited for the other to broach the subject.

It was a difficult time. There were dark looks, but no explosion. They avoided each other, and this little cloud, no bigger than a woman's hand, seemed about to cover the whole sky. Biddy asked leave of absence, and got it. They did not meet again until the wedding day.

That day found Biddy still storming at fate; but Robert, who had a simpler and stronger nature, had put his own disappointment behind him and was looking forward with pride if not pleasure to his friend's happiness.

What follows is in Robert's words:

"I got there early and took a seat in the back part of the church. Wanted to be where I could get out of it if my nerve failed me. Many people came in, and at last the bride, looking very beautiful, came out from a side door with three men and stood up in front. And I was proud for Biddy that he was going to have such a fine wife. But I couldn't see him anywhere. And the preacher said any man having an impediment was to step forward.

"Then I looked for Biddy, but he didn't come. I had never before been at a wedding in church, and I thought maybe it was the way to keep him corraled in the little room until the last moment, for fear he would go back onto the old range.

"The preacher went on saying things, and I didn't pay close attention, because I was thinking how pretty she looked, until a bold man in Hereford shirt and low-necked vest took her hand, and the preacher said 'I pronounce you man and wife.'

"Then I jumped up wild. 'Great Scot!' I yelled, 'that's the wrong man!'

"At that instant somebody clapped a hand over my mouth and hustled me out of the church.

"'If you don't want to get shut up for drunk and disorderly,' said Biddy, for he it was who dragged me out, 'stop that racket!'

"'What's up?' I said, soon as I could get my breath. 'Why aren't you in there getting married?'

"'I'm not in there getting married,' said Biddy, 'because she wouldn't have me. I thought you were to marry her to-day.'

"'What me?' says I. 'I never was within a thousand miles of it.'

"'Why didn't you say so, old man?' asked Biddy.

"'Say so yourself,' said I. 'You were dumb as an oyster.'

"Then we both laughed, and while

"THAT'S THE WRONG MAN!"

the folks inside were crowding up to the front to congratulate the happy pair, Biddy and me had a hearty handshake on the sidewalk, and we went home together."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Why He Didn't Salute.

"Black Jack" Percival, who was a naval captain before the war, once brought a cargo of Spanish jacks home in a man-of-war. He was in Spanish waters when the jacks were given to the United States by Spain, and was orderd to bring them out in his ship. It made him very angry, but he got the beasts aboard and sailed for New York. When he came through the narrows the guns had been rolled back, and out of every port there stuck a jack's head. Thus decked out and without a salute he came to his anchorage. The admiral commanding sent posthaste to demand why Capt. Percival had not saluted. "I didn't salute," was the doughty captain's answer, "because I couldn't. I had two men twisting every jack's tail, but not a d——d one of them would bray."—Chicago Chronicle.

Sang to Woo Somnus.

Prof. Blackie was once staying at Tynemouth. Before retiring to rest he informed his host that he had two requests to make: First, that they would allow his bedroom door to stand wide open; and, second, that they were not to be alarmed should they hear him singing in the middle of the night, for when he could not fall asleep he wooed Somnus with a song. Accordingly, at two o'clock in the morning the old professor was heard singing in strong, cheery tones: "Scots wha hae wi' Wallace bled," like a veritable highlander on the warpath. And again, in the stillness of the night, he sung out: "Green grow the rushes, O." The last lines were sung in more subdued tones and sleep came to him ere he finished his song.—Chicago Chronicle.

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POOR TIME FOR COURTING.

Cold Weather Not in Favor with Girls Who Have a Steady Beau.

It was at a "home cookery" lunch room—one of those establishments where young women who are allowed three-quarters of an hour at noon nibble their caramel cake with an exaggerated affectation of leisure and look easy superiority at the "half-hour girls" hurrying frantically over tea biscuit.

Two girls, one with pink horns in her hat, the other wearing a somewhat startling green collar, sat at a window table.

"Kitty's engagement broken off!" announced the pink-horned girl.

Her companion turned pale and put down her teacup with a little clatter.

"What's the reason?" she demanded.

"Kitty says she got tired."

"Nonsense!" Then, with the air of gloom: "I know what it is. It's the weather."

"What in the world do you mean?"

"Why, of course you don't know! You have a home of your own—if you do have to work—and a parlor where you can see your friends. Kitty and I and hundreds of other girls have to board. Have you any conception of what it is to live in a boarding house when you're engaged? Of course you haven't. You'd better pray that you never may have. It just means that you must do your visiting out of doors or not at all.

"In the summer time it's all right. Jack and I used to have lovely times Sunday afternoons, and sometimes on week-day evenings, strolling in the parks, and once or twice we took the train out of town, almost to the country—it was beautiful! But now—oh, you can't imagine how hateful it is! And the weather hasn't begun to be cold as it will be, either. In the first place, hardly any girl is so attractive in winter as she is in summer. Cold weather makes me downright stupid. My ideas seem to congeal, and then my nose gets a sort of bluish red, you know. And it's so forlorn in the parks, dawdling down those icy paths, with the wind sweeping off the lake and the branches rattling over your heads! Ugh!" despondently, "it's enough to make any man want to break off his engagement!"

"Is there anywhere to go?" asked the pink-horned girl, with sympathy.

"Nowhere! We tried the animal house one Sunday for the sake of getting warm. Were you ever in the animal house on a crowded day? Well, if you went once you'd never go again! I didn't know there could be such— I'll leave it to your imagination! Another time we tried the Laflin memorial in Lincoln park."

"Wasn't that any better?"

"It was warm, but there were crowds of people, and, besides, who could get ideas or inspiration from a stuffed gorilla or the vertebrae of a 60-foot whale or the skeleton of a crocodile? They gave me cold shivers.

"No! It's hopeless! And—let me see—February, March, April—at least three months before the weather will be even half way decent! I sometimes think I'll tell Jack—goodness! It's a quarter of one! I must fly!"

And the man who sat at the next table is still wondering what Jack was told.—Chicago News.

A HOME GOWN.

Buy a Reasonable Remnant and Have a Dinner Frock.

In this country, where money is more plentiful and so many pretty stuffs can be bought cheap, it's a good idea for each girl to wear a light gown at home in the evening. It can be made of challie, batiste, organdie, or any light, inexpensive material, so frequently offered at bargain counters.

In making up these gowns, comfort should be the first consideration. Yet they should not suggest the wrapper in any way, or they would not be suitable in which to receive the occasional caller. Flounces are very pretty for trimming. Two deep ones may be used, or several clusters of tiny ruffles. The blouse or surplice is good for the bodice, because neither is too tight-fitting for comfort and both are simple enough for home wear.

A pretty gown can be made with two clusters of ruffles on the skirt. The back of the bodice is tight-fitting, with a fichu around the neck which crosses in a surplice in front. The sleeves in the model are tight-fitting, but a shirred mousquetaire would be more conducive to comfort.

The gown itself is made of sea-green challie, spotted with bunches in various nasturtium shades. The flounces are of fine white organdie. Organdie is also used in making the fichu for the bodice, and the flounces thereof. This fichu is left open in front, as much or as little as one pleases, to form a V at the throat. The corselet belt is of the challie.

This is merely one of the many ways for making a pretty gown for home wear by a pretty girl.—Philadelphia Press.

Temperance Mincemeat.

The following rule makes five gallons of meat: Nine quarts of finely chopped raw apples, five quarts of chopped lean well-boiled beef, 1½ quarts of chopped raw meat, 1½ quarts of New Orleans molasses, 1½ quarts of vinegar, four quarts of coffee C sugar, three quarts of water, three quarts of well cleaned currants, two quarts of seeded raisins, three heaping tablespoonfuls of salt, three heaping tablespoonfuls of cinnamon, three heaping tablespoonfuls of cloves, three heaping tablespoonfuls of allspice, one tablespoonful of black pepper, one tablespoonful of ginger, one grated nutmeg. Mix well and boil together in a large pan, using care not to let it scorch. Where one cannot obtain green apples use evaporated ones; soak over night and then chop. Where one has sweet cider use that instead of water, and a glass of sour jelly. This meat will last for years, sealed in Mason jars and kept in a dark, cool place.—St Louis Republic.

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Mr. G. Gaillouette, Druggist, Beaversville, Ill., writes: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail, and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We don't keep store or house without it." At West's Drug Store.

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Chicora, Pa., "Herald:" Richard Vensel reports One Minute Cough Cure the greatest success of medical science. He told us that it cured his whole family of terrible coughs and colds, after all other so-called cures had failed entirely. Mr. Vinsel said it assisted his children through a very bad siege of measles. One Minute Cough Cure makes expectoration very easy and rapid. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

A number of coal mines in the Danville district were drowned out by the rain of last Thursday, but most of them have begun operations again.

A torpid liver means a bad complexion, bad breath, indigestion and frequent headaches. To avoid such companions take DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

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At a farm sale near Kankakee last week, only three notes were given. All the other buyers paid cash.

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Quincy has adopted a dog license law similar to the Peoria ordinance.

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Skirts in Black Brocade Brilliantine, worth $3.00, for $1.98.
Dresses of all kinds made to order at very low prices.
We have a large stock of Remnants to be closed out at a bargain.

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Fine Northern Potatoes	30c per bu.
Fine Syrup reduced from 40c to 15c gal.	
22 lbs. Granulated Sugar for	$1.00
Bulk Coffee	15c to 25c per lb
Gunpowder Tea reduced from 40c to 15c per lb	
Tar Soap formerly 10c, now	5c per bar
Calumet Soap	10 bars for 25c
25 lbs. Prunes for	$1.00
Extra Large Herring	1c each

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NOTICE.

DECATUR, ILL., Feb. 22, 1897.

To the Stockholders of the Municipal Electric Company, of Decatur, Ill.:

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of said company will be held at the office of said company in Decatur, Illinois, upon the 15th day of March, 1897, at the hour of one o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of authorizing the president and secretary of said company to execute, acknowledge and deliver the notes and mortgages of said company, said mortgages to cover the entire property, property rights, privileges and franchises of said company, and to be in the aggregate amount not to exceed $25000, and upon such terms and for such time as shall be deemed expedient by the officers so authorized to execute said notes and mortgages, or as shall be particularly provided for by resolutions adopted at such meeting.

J. H. CULVER, Pres't.
[L. S.] Attest; F. H. CULVER, Sec'y.

REDEMPTION NOTICE.

To Richard Smith and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon, and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 8th day of July, 1895, I, W. P. Shade, purchased the following described real estate in said Macon county: N Lot 2 of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 11, township 16 north, range 1 west of the 3d p. m., for the taxes assessed for the year 1894, including interest, penalties and costs due thereon, and at the time the said real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of Richard Smith, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 6th day of July, 1897.

February 25, 1897. W. P. SHADE.

FRENCHY HAL, NO. 349.

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Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY } ss In the Circuit Court.

Harry B. Owsley, complainant, vs. Lewis B. Casner et. al, defendant—In Chancery, No. 16,035.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause, at the January term of said court, A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Monday, March 22d, 1897,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p m at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to wit Lot seven (7) in the assessor's resurvey of block one (1) in the original plot of the Town of Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois, being more particularly described as follows Commencing 21.5 feet west of northeast corner of original lot five (5) in said block one (1), thence running south 144 feet, thence west 20 5 feet, thence north 144 feet, thence east 20 5 feet to the place of beginning, being part of the east half of original lots five (5) and six (6) in said block one (1) of the original town (now city) of Decatur.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 26th day of February, A D 1897

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.

Brown, Wheeler & Brown, Complainant's Solicitors [Feb 26-dtd

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY. } ss In the Circuit Court.

Harry Williams, complainant, vs. Edward A. Jones et. al., defendant—In Chancery, No 16,139.

Public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Macon County, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January Term of said Court A. D. 1897, I, James J Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Saturday, March 20th, 1897,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to wit: The east half of the northwest quarter of section 3, township 16, north range 2, east of the 3rd p m, except three acres in the southwest corner thereof.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 26th day of February, A D 1897

JAMES J FINN Master in Chancery.

Mills Bros., Complainant's Solicitors.

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Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF MACON. } ss. In the Circuit Court.

Ida E Armstrong, Complainant, vs Isabella Disney et. al., Defendant—In Chancery, No. 16,012.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, in the state of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January term of said court A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Tuesday, March 23d, 1897,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit Lot Fourteen (14), in Block Three (3), in Higgins' Addition to the City of Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois

Dated at Decatur, Ill., this 27th day of February, A D 1897

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.

Mills Bros, Complainant's Solicitors.

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Master in Chancery's Sale

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss In the Circuit Court

Sarah Henson, Complainant, vs Frank Tinkler et al, Defendants—In Chancery, No 16073

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause, at the January term of said court, A D 1897, I, James J Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

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at the hour of 2 o'clock p m, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold being described as follows, to-wit Lot Twenty Three (23), in Block Five (5) of Enterprise Addition to the City of Decatur, in Macon County, Illinois

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 26th day of February, 1897

JAMES J. FINN Master in Chancery

Bunn & Park, Complainant's Solicitors

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Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss. In the Circuit Court

The People's Savings and Loan Association, Complainant, vs John F Cooper et al. Defendants—In Chancery, No 16054.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon County, State of Illinois entered in the above entitled cause at the January term, 1897 of said court, A D 1897, I James J Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Monday, March 22d, 1897,

at 2 o'clock p m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit Lot Thirteen (13) in Block One (1), of P. H. Bruecks' 2d Addition to the City of Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Ill, this 26th day of February, A D. 1897

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.

William C Johns, Complainant's Solicitor.

Feb 26-dtd

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Henry Blenz, Sr., Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Henry Blenz, Sr., late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the May term, on the first Monday in May next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 3d day of March, 1897.

HENRY BLENZ, JR., Administrator.

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Administratrix' Notice.

Estate of Robert G. Wells, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administratrix of the estate of Robert G Wells, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 20th day of February, 1897.

ALICE C. WELLS, Administratrix.

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ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed assignee of Mamie E Dennis and all persons holding any claim or claims against said Mamie E. Dennis are hereby notified to present the same to him under oath or affirmation within three months from this date, whether said claims are due or not. All persons indebted to said assignor are requested to make prompt payment of the same.

Dated February 10, 1897.

Feb 10-6w A. F. GEBHARD, Assignee.

RHEUMATISM CURE.—Decatur, Ill, Nov 29th. Wanted, everybody to read this article. For four or five years I took medicine for my kidneys and could get no relief. After trying several other kinds of medicines for rheumatism I tried your Cerrodanie Capsules and they not only cured my rheumatism but my back as well. I can and do heartily recommend them to any one with rheumatism and neuralgia. Yours truly, Tom Postwell, ticket agent I. C. R. R. Jan 18-dtf

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY. } ss In the Circuit Court

William M. Sharp, Complainant, vs Francis M Burns et al. Defendants—In Chancery, No. 16001.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January Term of said court A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Wednesday, March 31st, 1897,

at the hour of 2 o clock p.m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to wit Lot Five (5) in Block Thirteen (13), in the Village of Blue Mound, in Macon county, Illinois.

Dated Decatur, Illinois, this 9th day of March, A. D. 1897.

JAMES J FINN, Master in Chancery.

Alexander McIntosh, Com Solicitor

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Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY } In the Circuit Court

Oscar F. Parker, Complainant, vs Agnes V. Roddy et. al., Defendant.—In Chancery, No. 16,001.

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Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 9th day of March, A D 1897

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery

Bunn & Park, Complainant's Solicitor.

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CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY } ss

In the Circuit Court of Macon County, June Term 1897,

William C H. Keough, Receiver of the North & South Building and Loan Association vs. Bridget M. Clark, Patrick Clark, Commercial Loan & Trust Company, a corporation, trustee, William R. Chamberlain, successor in trust, Horace M. Gillis, Charles M. Allison,—In Chancery No 15840

CONSOLIDATED WITH

Charles M. Allison vs Bridget M Clark, Patrick Clark, North & South Building & Loan Association, William C. H Keough, Receiver of the North & South Building & Loan Association—In Chancery, No. 15850

Notice is hereby given to the said defendant, Horace M. Gillis that the above named complainant William C H Keough heretofore filed his bill of complaint in said court, on the chancery side thereof, and that a summons thereupon issued out of said court against the above named defendant, returnable on the first day of the term of the circuit court of Macon county, to be held at the court house in Decatur in said Macon county, on the first Monday of June, A D. 1897, as is by law required, and which suit is still pending

D. L. FOSTER, Clerk.

Collins & Fletcher, Sol. for Complainants.

March 9-d4w

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss.

Circuit Court of Macon County, June Term, A D, 1897

William C H Keough, Receiver of the North & South Building and Loan Association vs. Webster H Rapp Elizabeth M Rapp, Jeannetta C Blume, George P. Blume, George P Blume and Webster H Rapp, partners as Blume & Rapp, Lucinda Lugte, the unknown husband of Lucinda Lugte, The North & South Building & Loan Association.—In Chancery, No 1980.

Notice is hereby given to the said defendants, Webster H Rapp individually and as a member of the co-partnership of Blume & Rapp, Elizabeth M Rapp and the unknown husband of Lucinda Lugte, that the above named complainant heretofore filed his bill of complaint in said court, on the chancery side thereof, and that a summons thereupon issued out of said court against the above named defendants returnable on the first day of the term of the circuit court of Macon county, to be held at the court house in Decatur in said Macon county, on the first Monday of June, A D 1897, as is by law required, and which suit is still pending

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Collins & Fletcher, Sol for Complainant

March 9, 1897 d4w

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Notice is hereby given to the said defendants, Webster H Rapp, individually and as a member of the partnership of Rapp, Simpson & Co and Elizabeth M, Rapp, and each of them that the above named complainant heretofore filed his bill of complaint in said court on the chancery side thereof, and that a summons thereupon issued out of said court against the above named defendants returnable on the first day of the term of the circuit court of Macon county, to be held at the court house, in Decatur, in said Macon county, on the first Monday of June, A D 1897, as is by law required and which suit is still pending.

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In the Circuit Court of Macon county, June Term, A D 1897.

William C H Keough, Receiver of the North and South Building and Loan Association, vs. Albert Karlofski, alias Albert Karlowski, Lottie Karlofski, alias Lottie Karlowski, North and South Building and Loan Association, Webster H Rapp, and F. W. Kipp.—In Chancery, No 16080

Notice is hereby given to the said defendant, Webster H Rapp, that the above named complainant heretofore filed his bill of complaint in said court on the chancery side thereof, and that a summons thereupon issued out of said court against the above named defendant, returnable on the first day of the term of the circuit court of Macon county, to be held at the court house in Decatur, in said Macon county, on the first Monday of June, A D. 1897, as is by law required and which suit is still pending.

D L FOSTER, Clerk

Collins & Fletcher, Solicitors for Complainant.

March 9, 1897-d4w

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of James E. Travis, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of James E. Travis, deceased, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the May term, on the first Monday in May next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 5th day of March, 1897.

LUTHER T. TRAVIS, Administrator.

March 5-d3w

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Ferby Holman, deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Ferby Holman, late of the County of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1897.

DAVID T. HOLMAN, Administrator.

Feb 10-d3w

BARGAIN COLUMN.

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WANTED.

WANTED—10 salesmen, male and female, for a specialty Call at the Brunswick Hotel 10-d6

WANTED—Capable lady or gentleman to travel and appoint agents. Salary $75 per month and expenses. State age, experience, and give reference, Address "A," Republican. 6-d1w*

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Nice 6-room cottage in Riverside
5-room house, corner Broadway and Decatur.
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March 8-d6

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Feb 27 d6*

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Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss. In the Circuit Court

Mattie E. Peacock, Complainant, vs Margetta Sparks et al Defendants—In Chancery, No 15758.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, State of Illinois entered in the above entitled cause at the January Term of said court A D 1897 I, James J Finn, Master in Chancery of said court will on

Saturday, March 20th, 1897,

at 2 o'clock p m of said day, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur in said county offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand subject to redemption according to law the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold being described as follows to-wit Commencing 50 feet west of the southeast corner of Lot 10 in Block 2 of S K Thompson's 2d Addition to the City of Decatur thence north 150 feet parallel with the east line of said lot thence west 30 feet, thence south 150 feet thence east 30 feet to the place of beginning, in Macon county Illinois

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 15th day of February 1897

JAMES J FINN Master in Chancery

Mills Bros Complainant's Solicitors

Feb 26-dtd

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss

In the Circuit Court:

The Loan and Homestead Association complainant vs Bartlett Clark et al, defendants In Chancery—No 15726

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon County, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the September term of said court, A D 1896, I, James J Finn, master in chancery of said court, will, on

Saturday, March 13, 1897,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p m of said day, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street in the city of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold being described as follows, to-wit Lots Five (5) and Eight (8) in Block One (1) in LeForgee & Patterson's Addition to the City of Decatur in Macon county, Illinois

Terms of Sale—$350 cash in hand on day of sale, and the balance in twelve months, deferred payment to be secured by approved personal security and a mortgage on the premises sold, and to bear interest at 6 per cent. from day of sale or the purchaser may pay all cash if he so desires

Dated at Decatur, Ill, this 12th day of February, A D 1897

JAMES J FINN Master in Chancery.

Shelley Bros., solicitors for complainant.

Master in Chancery's Sale

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY } ss In the Circuit Court

The People's Savings and Loan Association, Complainants, vs. Margaret A. Leahy et al, Defendants—In Chancery, No 16011.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause, at the January term, of said court A D 1897, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Monday, March 22d, 1897,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p m. at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to wit Lot Fourteen (14) in Block Twenty-Two (22), of Carver's Addition to the City of Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois, subject to any existing mining rights.

Dated this 26th day of February, 1897.

JAMES J FINN, Master in Chancery.

William C Johns, Complainant's Solicitor.

Feb. 26-dtd

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of William H. Walters, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executor of the estate of William H Walters, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby give notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county at the court house in Decatur, at the April term on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned

Dated this 24th day of February, 1896.

HIRAM JOHNSON, Executor.

Feb 24-d3w

R. R. TIME TABLES.

In effect Feb. 7, 1897.

Wabash Line

TO CHICAGO			FROM CHICAGO	
12	* 1 05 a m	13	* 3 30 a m
14	*11 45 a m	15	* 5 55 p m
16	† 7 40 a m	17	* 7 45 p m

TO ST. LOUIS			FROM ST LOUIS	
3	* 3 40 a m	6	*15 25 a m
11	* 6 55 a m	4	*† 25 a m
5	† 4 05 p m	14	*11 42 a m
15	* 4 00 p m	10	* 8 58 p m
1	*12 13 a m	2	*11 17 p m
7	* 7 20 p m	12	*12 35 a m

TO TOLEDO.			FROM TOLEDO	
6	* 6 28 a m	1	*12 10 a m
4	*11 30 a m	7	* 7 17 p m
2	*11 20 p m	5	* 3 50 p m
10 Laf acm	† 4 40 p m	3	* 3 20 a m
		11	†10 30 a m

TO QUINCY.			FROM QUINCY	
5	* 4 05 p m	4	*11 20 a m
3	* 5 40 a m	2	*10 40 p m
17 Spfd only	† 7 40 p m	16 from Spfg	† 7 35 a m
11 Spfd acm	†10 34 a m	10 Effm acm	† 4 36 p m

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday.

Illinois Central.

NORTH.		SOUTH	
Diamond Special, daily	1 32 a m	Diamond Special, daily	2 55 a m
No 104, daily	11 25 a m	No 125 pass. ex. Sunday	9 30 a m
No 194 freight ex. Sunday	2 00 p m	No 193 freight ex. Sunday	10 10 a m
No, 107 pass. ex Sunday	6 11 p m	No 128, daily,	3 32 p m
No. 702 (Champ'n line) leaves, ex Sunday	2 25 p m	No 701 (Champ'n line) arrives ex Sunday	10 15 a m
No 704—to Chicago via Champa n, daily	6 00 a m	No 703—From Chicago, daily	9 05 p m
No 120 daily to Chicago	11 52 a m	No 119 daily, to St Louis	2 58 p m

Peoria, Decatur and Evansville.

Arrive from Peoria		Arrive from Evansville	
A No 1	10 42 a m	A No 2	2 41 p. m
D No 3	10 10 p m	A No, 4	3 50 a. m
A No. 31	4 50 p. m	A No 30	6 15 a. m.
		S No 36	7 10 a. m.

Depart for Peoria		Depart for Evansville	
A No 2	2 47 p. m	A No. 1	10 50 a. m.
A No. 4	4 10 a m	D No 3	10 20 p m.
A No 30	6 35 a m	A No. 31	5 00 p. m.
S No 36	7 30 a. m.	A No 11	3 15 p. m.
A No 10	10 42 a m		

"A"—Daily Except Sunday. "D"—Daily, "S" Sunday Only

Indiana, Decatur & Western Ry Co.

ARRIVE		LEAVE.	
No. 1 Pass	2 25 p m	No 4 Pass	10 50 p m
No. 3 Pass	*4 00 a m	No. 2 Pass	†11 25 a m
" 7	10 00 a m	" 8	4 00 a m
" 9	c 8 00 p m	" 10‡	4 00 p m

*Daily †Except Sunday ‡Sunday only

Vandalia Line.

In effect Jan 17, 1897.

Trains Leave Decatur, Illinois.

FOR THE WEST.

No 7, Ex, Sun 11 42 a m For Peoria
No. 5, Ex, Sun 7 00 a m For Peoria

FOR THE EAST

No 20, Ex, Sun 8 00 a m For Terre Haute
No 6 Ex Sun 3 25 p m For Terre Haute

For complete Time Card, giving all trains and stations, and for full information as to rates, through cars, etc, address J C Millspaugh, T. P. A, Decatur, Ill, or E A. Ford, Gen'l Pass. Agt, St Louis, Mo.

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS MACON COUNTY, } ss

In the Circuit Court to the June Term, A D. 1897.

Lewis F Hall vs. Jane Willey Hall—Divorce.

It appearing by affidavit filed in my office that the above named defendant is a non resident of the state of Illinois, notice is hereby given to you that the above named complainant has filed his bill of complaint in said court, on the chancery side thereof, which said suit is still pending, and that summons thereon issued out of said court against you the above named defendant, returnable on the first day of the next June term thereof to be held at the court house in the City of Decatur, on the first Monday of June, 1897

Now unless you the said Jane Willey Hall, shall be and appear on the first day of said term of said court to plead, answer or demur to said bill of complaint, the same will be taken as confessed against you and a decree rendered according to the prayer thereof

Dated at Decatur this 22d day of February, A D 1897 [Seal] D L FOSTER, Clerk.

Feb 22 d4w

Publication Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss

In the Circuit Court To the June Term A D 1897

Miles K Young Receiver of the Illinois Building and Loan Association Vs F M Weygandt, William L Johnson and Albert T. Summers—In Chancery No 15 705

Public notice is hereby given that the complainant in the above entitled cause has heretofore commenced its suit in chancery against the above named defendants and that summons has been issued to the sheriff of Macon county, State of Illinois and returned not found as to the said F M Weygandt, and affidavit having been filed that the said F M Weygandt is a non resident of the state of Illinois and that the said cause is now pending and undetermined in the circuit court of Macon county.

Now unless you, the said F M Weygandt, shall personally be and appear before the circuit court of Macon county state of Illinois on the first day of the term thereof, to be held at the court house in the city of Decatur Macon county, state of Illinois, on the first Monday of June, being the 7th day of June A D, 1897, and plead answer or demur to the said bill of complaint the same and the matters and things therein alleged will be taken for confessed, and a decree rendered against you in accordance with the prayer of the said bill of complaint

Dated Feb 27, 1897

D L FOSTER, Circuit Clerk.

W C Johns, Complainant's Solicitor

March 7-d4w

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the circuit court of Piatt county, Illinois, in favor of Thomas L McDaniel and against Charles H Bridges, Wm. Marshall Bridges and Frank Walz, partners doing business under the firm name and style of Bridges, Walz & Co., I have levied upon the following described property to-wit Sixty five (65) feet in width off of the south side of Lot Three (3) of B L Howenstine's addition to the City of Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois Taken as the property of the said Charles H. Bridges, which I shall offer at public sale at north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county in said state, on the 19th day of March, A. D., 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand to satisfy said execution.

This 25th day of February, A. D. 1897.

J. P. NICHOLSON, Sheriff Macon Co., Ill.

Feb 25-dtd

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R

Excursion rates to St. Louis and return every Saturday and Sunday. One fare round trip. Tickets good going Saturday afternoon and returning Monday morning

Winter Tourist Rates are now on to points south and southwest

Settlers' Half Fare rates to points south every 1st and 3d Tuesday of each month

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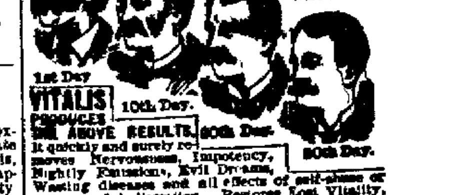

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KING'S DRUG STORE,

LOCAL NEWS.

Ice cream soda at Irwin's.

Chocolate ice cream soda at Irwin's.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.

Irwin's fountain is now open for the season.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at 11:42 a. m.

Ladies' Spring Tan Shoes, tan patent leather trimmed.
4-d6w1 Powers' Shoe Store.

First strawberries of the season. Very nice. Pearl Oyster and Fish Co., telephone 344.

Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for $1.50. L. Chodat's News House.—14-dtf

Misses' tan bals, tan patent leather trimmed, at Powers' Shoe Store.
10-d&w1w

Golden Rod Lotion for chapped hands gives satisfaction. For sale at Opera House Drug store.

Gentlemen's Spring Tan and Oxblod shoes, $2.00 and $5.00 a pair.
4-d6w1 Powers' Shoe Store.

This evening Mrs. J. E. King will entertain some of her friends at her home on North Main street.

Remember, only a few of our fine Goodyear welt Ladies' shoes left at $1.75, worth double—at Powers' Shoe Store.
4-d6w1

Cocoa cola at Irwin's fountain.

J. M. Hughes & Co. at Durfee & Bros.' old stand have a choice stock of fresh garden and flower seeds. Give them a call. feb23-d&wtf

Salt mackerel for Lent, 5, 10 and 25 cents. Smoked halibut, white carmoty bloaters. Pearl Oyster and Fish company, telephone 344.—9-d1w

During our removal sale are selling slightly used organs regardless of cost. Easy payments may be had. Phillips & Wood. 10-d6

The young ladies of the basket ball team have decided to play their game for the benefit of the woman's exchange on Monday evening, March 15.

Vici kid bals and congress shoes for gentlemen, boys and youths, the very latest styles, at Powers' Shoe Store.
10-d&w1w

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedsman fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 233 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.—1-d&wtf

Those who are to participate in the negro minstrel show which is to be given at the opera house on the evening of March 23 are practicing almost every evening for the event. Some good singers have been secured and the entertainment promises to be a good one.

Gentlemen, why wear shabby overcoats, pants, coat or vest when you can get your clothing re-dyed, cleaned and pressed and repaired to look equal to new by taking them to Miller's Dye House. Work warranted first-class. 145 North Main street.

Mt. Pulaski Co. Illiopolis State Center: Andrew Daugherty sold last week thirty acres of land four and a half miles southeast of this place, adjoining St. John station on the south, at the snug price of $100 per acre. Four years ago Mr. Daugherty paid $70 per acre for the land and has raised big crops thereon ever since.

Drink cherry phosphate at Irwin's.

A Grand Choral Concert.

Will be given at the tabernacle, March 19 and 20, by the Decatur Choral society under the direction of S. M. Lutz, supported by a fine large orchestra under the leadership of Prof. Walter. Some of the best solo talent in Central Illinois has been engaged. This concert has been in preparation all winter by the best vocal talent in Decatur and a rich musical treat is promised. Any one of the grand choruses to be performed is worth the price of admission. The matinee will begin promptly at 2 p. m. on Saturday. This is especially arranged for people living in neighboring towns who wish to hear this grand treat and get home on evening trains. General admission, 35 cents. The center seats 50 cents. Don't miss this musical treat.—10-d2t-w2t

The Public Library Will Move.

We have been led to believe that a change in location will be of great value to us, therefore before making the change we will offer our entire stock of pianos and organs at unheard of prices, and on terms to suit all. Phillips & Wood.—10-d2t

Seed Distribution.

New seed store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Leon & Morris, 138 East Wood street.—9-dw&tf

DEATH OF E. A. JONES

An Old and Highly Esteemed Citizen of Decatur Falls Asleep.

FUNURAL ON SATURDAY AT 2 P. M.

Sketch of the Active and Successful Life of the Deceased—A Man of the Strictest Integrity—Survived by Widow and Three Daughters.

Edward A. Jones, a resident of Macon county for thirty-three years, passed away in death at the family home on North Water street, at 4:30 o'clock this morning in the 79th year of his age. The deceased had been in very poor health for a number of years, and had been confined to his bed continuously for a period of seventeen months, due to paralysis. His death was not unexpected. His devoted wife and children gave him tender care and attention constantly and did what they could to give him such rest and comfort as was possible. Throughout the last months and days of his illness Mr. Jones bore his affliction uncomplainingly and with resignation, realizing that the end was near and that rest would come at last.

The deceased is survived by the widow and three daughters, Mrs. Theron A. Powers of Decatur, Mrs. Charles F. Reynolds and Mrs. Charles Harzsell of Denver, Col. Addison Jones of Ohio, and Mrs. Eliza Smith of San Jose, Cal., brother and sister, survive.

The funeral will be held at the family residence, North Water street, at 3 p. m., Saturday, March 13.

Edward A. Jones was born in Madison county, Ohio, Feb. 20, 1818, and came to Macon county in 1854. Thomas and Mary Dale Truitt Jones were his parents, both natives of Maryland. They settled in Ohio in 1816, and Thomas Jones became a farmer. He entered public life and served as circuit court judge for a number of years, taking an active part in the early political affairs of his adopted state. Edward Jones, the subject of this sketch, was one of a family of eight children. He acquired his education in a log school house near London, Ohio, but his knowledge of men and the affairs of life in general came to him in his experience with men and events in the transaction of business matters. Possessing a very retentive memory, being a close observer, and always keeping in touch with local and national happenings through the close perusal of magazines and newspapers, Mr. Jones was a man always well-informed. He entered a store as a clerk at the age of 18 years, and carved out his own way in the world. After seven years as a salesman he engaged in the stock business, finding a profitable market in the east. Mr. Jones first visited Illinois in 1837, and made yearly visits thereafter until 1854 when he decided to locate in Macon county. He bought land of the government and in person broke it and prepared it for the rich harvests which yielded him profitable returns. He expended considerable money in the improvement of his land.

In July 1852, Mr. Jones was united in marriage with Miss Margery F. Elkin of Springfield, daughter of Col. W. F. Elkin, who commanded a regiment in the Black Hawk war.

In politics Mr. Jones was an ardent Republican. He cast his first presidential vote for General W. H. Harrison. In early life he was a Whig and since the organization of the Republican party has been one of its stanchest supporters. He may truly be termed a self made man for since boyhood he had fought his own way in life, and he lived to enjoy the fruits of his well directed efforts. He had worked his own way upward and step by step he overcame all difficulties, and gathered about him family and friends who loved and admired him for his sterling worth. Mr. Jones in all the affairs of life was a man of the strictest integrity. In all of his dealings with men he was the soul of honor and kept all of his personal pledges of whatever nature promptly and faithfully. He had hosts of personal friends in Macon and adjoining counties. They loved to meet and talk with the deceased. They enjoyed his genial presence and he loved to be with them. And now he has gone away. Those who knew him will see him in life no more, but they will treasure his memory and mourn his death as that of a true friend and an honest man.

INQUEST AT WARRENSBURG.

Held by Coroner Bendure Over the Body of Conductor A. W. Howard Who was Killed Yesterday.

A. W. Howard, freight conductor on the P., D. & E. was accidentally killed by being struck by his train yesterday afternoon at Warrensburg. It is not known exactly how the accident happened as none of the train men saw Howard meet his death. Coroner Bendure was at once notified of the accident and a switch engine took him to Warrensburg where the inquest was held.

George S. Henderson, the engineer on train No. 10, was the first witness examined and testified that he did not see the accident. William M. Pruitt, fireman on the engine, testified that the train crew were stalking cars off of a side track. He saw Howard standing between the switch and main track and as soon as the cars were started Howard stepped on the main track as though to get across in front of the cars. He next saw Howard when he was under the engine and assisted in taking his body out from under the engine.

Charles Louder, a brakeman on the train, testified that he saw Howard standing between the switch and main track. The witness said he walked about three car lengths and looking back saw Howard under the end of the coal car behind the engine. Young Cole, another brakeman, corroborated the evidence given by the other trainmen.

The verdict was that Howard met his death by being struck by train No. 10 of the P., D. & E. railroad. The verdict further stated that the jury believed that the death was accidental and exonerated the railroad company from all blame. The jury was composed of Aaron Keller, foreman, S. F. Sherman, Charles Buckley, Charles E. Albert, F. A. Slonaker and C. E. Ritchie.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—Will Shellabarger is in Springfield on business.

—Mrs. R. S. Bohon left last night on a trip to Kentucky.

—Attorney James T. Whitley, who has been ill, is improving.

—Rev. F. M. Johnson is ill at his home on North Church street.

—George R. Steele is seriously ill at his home on West Main street.

—W. O. Brush of this city, will go to Peoria, to make his home.

—Mrs. Anna McCoy is seriously ill at her home on North Broadway.

—Mrs. F. M. Young is home from a visit to friends at Bloomington.

—Frank Sanford is home from Chicago where he went to buy goods for his new store.

—John Maus, formerly of this city, who has been here on business, has returned to St. Louis.

—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Ments, No. 1760 North Clinton street, is seriously ill.

—Charles Dawson, who has been seriously ill of typhoid fever, is said to be slightly improved.

—Mrs. W. F. Busher entertained a few friends this afternoon at her home on West Macon street.

—Hardin C. Wallace returned last night from Battle Creek, Mich., where he has been for his health for the past six weeks.

—Mrs. W. F. Gilmore has gone to Jacksonville to see her daughter, Miss Grace Gilmore, who is ill at the female college at that place.

—Howard C. Schaub of the Review, who has been visiting his sister at San Diego, Cal., for a month or more past, returned home yesterday.

—Chan and Frank Powers left yesterday for Hennepin marshes where they will shoot ducks. From there Chan Powers will go to Chicago and join a party of sportsmen and with them attend the annual American handicap at Fleetwood Park, N. J

—Albert Bachrach arrived home yesterday from Washington and Baltimore. He witnessed the inauguration of President McKinley and with his kodak secured twenty-five views of sections of the parade. He will develop the plates and will probably exhibit the pictures at "Cheap Charley's" store.

LOOK AT THE BIG ROOM.

Marked Off the Space in the Powers Block for the Public Library Occupation.

Members of the public library board visited the Powers office building yesterday afternoon and in the presence of Charles Powers and W. O. McNabb, superintendent of construction, marked off the space on the fifth floor designed to be used for the library. Supporting iron posts extend the length of the long room twenty-one feet from the Water street side. The book counter will be on a line with these posts, and the book cases will be arranged behind the counters. The counter length will be 125 feet and the space behind the counter for that distance will be twenty-one feet. At the south end will be the directors' room and the work room and closet.

The entrance will be through a double door at the elevator landing, visitors passing the reading desks to the counter, and then on to the reference part of the library. There is ample room for the library to grow. One member of the board jokingly remarked that there was space enough for a bicycle school or a gymnasium, besides the library.

A Splendid Collection.

Joshua Hubbard, tax collector for Austin township, is the first man to settle with County Treasurer Patterson. In Austin the amount assessed was $11,170.83; amount collected, $10,509 25; amount delinquent, $661.58; commission, $310.18. A section of school land was assessed for taxation through error and it is returned delinquent, otherwise Mr. Hubbard's delinquent list would amount to only $461.03. This is likely to prove the best collection of the year. Mr Hubbard made the best collection last year.

Morris, the man who was arrested on the charge of having assaulted a station master at Walker, is very ill at the hospital. He has consumption and it is most likely that he will not recover.

BOUSMAN CAUGHT.

Run Down by Deputy Sheriff Sam Holmes at Hervey City.

FOUND BEHIND A BEDROOM DOOR.

He Had Been in Hiding at Whistleville Ever Since He Stabbed "Still Bill" Sheridan—He is in the Jail.

Roy Bousman, the young man who came near fatally stabbing William Sheridan at the Mrs. Annie Brady rooms at 564 East Eldorado street on the afternoon of March 5, was captured today at the home of his father at Hervey City, not far from Mt. Zion, by Deputy Sheriff Sam Holmes, who was accompanied by Jud Readhead, the town marshal at Mt. Zion. Ever since the cutting affray the officers had been trying to get trace of Bousman, but had failed to locate him. Deputy Holmes concluded that he would start out to win, and he succeeded. He left for Mt. Zion early this morning on a freight train, and quietly made diligent inquiries from house to house all through Whistleville, near Mt. Zion. Some of the residents admitted that they had seen or heard of Bousman, but none could tell where he could be found. Holmes walked back to Mt. Zion, and getting Readhead, started down the railroad track for Hervey City. When near the Bousman dwelling Holmes noticed a move made by a member of the family which convinced him that his man was in the house, and, hastening his steps, he brushed the members of the family aside at the door and going into a bed room found Roy Bousman hiding behind a door. Holmes took him in charge at once and after a little parley took him to the station and brought him to Decatur on a train, placing him behind the bars at the county jail.

This afternoon Sheridan, who will probably recover from his injuries will swear out a state warrant charging Bousman with assault to murder.

Out of Danger.

William Sheridan, the man who was stabbed about a week ago, is rapidly recovering from his injuries. He was seriously injured but the attending physician says that he thinks Sheridan is out of danger and that there is little doubt but that he will recover.

RETURN OF MARSHAL MASON.

He Cut a Wide Swath in Washington Society—Attended the Ball in Full Dress

W. W. Mason, city marshal, arrived home today from Washington City, where he witnessed the inauguration of President McKinley, hob-nobbed with the members of the swellest 400, wore a full dress suit with diamonds and pearls and attended the inauguration ball, shaking hands with Senator Mark Hanna and Vice President Hobart, besides meeting many other notables. Marshal Mason was the guest of the famous Johnson family in Washington, and they led him a lively whirl in the thickest of swelldom. He arrived at the treasury building where the inauguration ball was in progress at the dizzy hour of 12 o'clock, and danced until 2. As proof of the fact that he was a mixer in the ball he brought home the program, showing that he danced with matrons and maidens, in the waltz, quadrilles, La Coquettes, schottisches, Newports, two steps, waltz quadrilles, the Bolton dip, the zingaro and one other dance he cannot remember, but the marshal says it was lively to the finish. Mason says he was the only Decatur man on the floor.

The County Board.

At the session of the board of supervisors this forenoon on motion of Supervisor Spence the use of the circuit court room for the Republican township convention the evening of March 19 was granted.

A committee was named to check up the books of Sheriff Nicholson in compliance with law. The committee comprise Chairman Hockaday, Draper, Magee, Orr and Turner. This afternoon the board is considering a number of reports.

Born.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. George Auer of West Green street, on March 10, a son.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cassell of North Water street, on March 10, a daughter.

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SPAIN KNOWS IT.

She Understands the McKinley Administration Will Tolerate No Foolishness.

WILL NO LONGER PLAY POLICEMAN.

Cuban Sympathizers' Rights Will be Respected and the First Overt Act of Spain Means Warships at Havana.

Washington, March 12.—President McKinley's Cuban policy is definitely established. For the present he will take no startling action in any direction unless new contingencies arise.

The Spanish authorities have been given to understand beyond all doubt that all reasonable demands made by Consul General Lee must receive respectful attention. Wherever the life or liberty of American citizens is at stake he will receive ample protection from this government.

No threats have been made, but Minister de Lome understands thoroughly and has informed his government that the United States is prepared to send a warship to Havana whenever its presence seems necessary.

For the present the neutrality laws will be enforced, but without any of the unpleasant detective work which distinguished the last administration. President McKinley's subordinates will be made to understand that the Cuban sympathizers have as many rights under the law as the Spanish minister and his subordinate officials. There will be no vindictive prosecution of filibustering, but, on the other hand, no open violations of the law will be permitted.

The main policy just at present is to provide more money for the government. It is felt that until that is done the United States is not in a position to undertake new obligations. As there is not enough money for peace purposes the very beginnings of war evidently would exhaust the treasury in a day. The president is anxious to see a strong tariff policy inaugurated if possible without any disturbing influences.

This does not mean that there will be any policy of cowardly inaction in regard to Cuba. American citizens there will be protected at all hazards. In the event of any material change regarding the military conditions in the island a prompt recognition of the belligerent rights of the patriots will follow.

It has already been represented to some of the president's advisers that nothing would be so certain to expedite the passage of a satisfactory revenue measure as the prospect of warlike difficulty with some other country. It is this very political expediency which he desires to avoid. He does not wish the country to think that he has created a war feeling for the express purpose of helping along the tariff bill On the contrary, he will go out of his way to continue peaceful conditions so that the preparation and passage of the tariff measure may be based on prosperous peace lines. If it were to be considered as a war measure it would have to be revised after the danger had passed, and it is the aim of the administration to make a tariff bill which will last for a number of years and allow business interests to grow up with an assurance of permanency.

The one thing looked for which may change the present policy is a sudden emergency in Cuba. The butchery of a number of prisoners, an insult to Consul General Lee or some of his subordinates, or the evidence of any general policy of extermination would warrant immediate interference.

As nearly as it can be expressed, the Cuban policy of the administration may be summed up in the declaration that the president has unbounded sympathy for the Cuban patriots, that he fully recognizes the popular sentiment in this country, and that in case of an emergency he will intervene wisely, swiftly, and without hesitation.

The Spanish government knows this and has already sent orders to Cuba that American interests are to be guarded at all hazards, and that every nerve is to be strained to avoid a conflict, for it is known positively that the new administration is only waiting for the right time and a sufficient excuse to put an end to the war in Cuba.

PATRIOTS ARE GAINING.

Insurgents More Active and the End Believed to be Near.

Havana, March 12.—Letters this week from intelligent observers in different parts of Cuba show that the patriot cause is gaining. One from an American says the end is not far off. Another contains these words: "The end must come soon."